

**MINUTES OF THE
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD
Thursday, July 18th, 2024**

PRESENT:

Kelby Robison (phone) arrived at 4:20pm	Jon Blackwell - Phone
Lindsey Dalley arrived at 4:06	Ryan Wheeler
Scott Farnsworth	Byron Mills
Joe Davis, General Manager	
Kiley Bradshaw	Jennifer Farnsworth
Vernon Robison	Janice Ridondo
Michael Johnson	

ORDER OF BUSINESS: At 4:01pm, Board Member Ryan Wheeler Called to order the regular meeting of the Moapa Valley Water District. The agenda items were addressed in the following order:

- 1) Public Comment (may be limited to five minutes)**
None
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held June 24, 2024 (For Possible Action)**
On a motion of Scott Farnsworth and seconded by Jon Blackwell the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024, meeting.
- 3) Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Water Rights (For Possible Action)**
Joe Davis stated that we along with SNWA have been in negotiations with the Church for several years on purchasing water rights. It's been a long time coming. In 2023, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources established a grant-based program to incentivize the "retirement" of groundwater rights in Nevada. The District, SNWA, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints have various groundwater and surface -water rights in the Lower White River Flow System. SNWA, in cooperation with the district, received a \$3,000,000 grant to support MVWD's acquisition of certain LWRFS groundwater rights held by the church. If approved, the agreement provides that the district will use the \$3,000,000 grant, and financing from SNWA, to purchase 2,329.55 acre-feet annually of the Church's certificated water rights in the LWRFS. On a motion of Scott Farnsworth and seconded by Lindsey Dalley the board moved to approve the Agreement for the purchase and sale of water rights between the Moapa Valley Water District and the Southern Nevada Water Authority. The Board voted 5-0,
- 4) Agreement to Finance the Purchase of Groundwater Rights (For Possible Action)**
Joe Davis reported on the finance agreement between the district and SNWA. SNWA put up the other \$3,000,000 to purchase the water rights. The district will have an obligation over the next 15 years to pay that money back interest free. The district will pay them \$200,000 a year for the next 15 years. On a motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Scott Farnsworth the board moved to approve the agreement to finance the purchase of groundwater rights between the Moapa Valley Water District and the Southern Nevada Water Authority. The Board voted 5-0.
- 5) Business Impact Study of a \$10.00 Debt Management Service Charge (For Possible Action)**
Joe Davis Stated that back on March 14th, we Spoke about the 1% interest money that is available to the State. In order to get some infrastructure established. During some discussions the following months, we were talking about different options. We came to the conclusion that a \$10 charge that would be highlighted on the water bill to let everyone know that, that fee would pay to have the narrow's tank and Arrow Canyon #3 drilled for a redundancy well. In order to move forward we have to conduct a Business Impact Study to receive feedback from the business community of any perceived burdens or impacts the purposed \$10 debt management service charge would impose. On a motion from Scott Farnsworth and

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seconded by Kelby Robison the board Instructed staff to move forward with the proposed Business Impact Study. The Board voted 5-0

6) Managers' Report

Joe Davis Covered for Jeannie Fox. He reported that 91% of the fiscal year has expired. Our operating expenses are looking good, our resource & Developments and regulatory Compliance usually chew up quite a bit of our budget. It's no small feat for Jeannie to track these numbers daily let alone monthly. Joe went over the Capital Budget and the Financial Dashboard. Board members had a few questions that were answered.

Kiley Bradshaw covered for Lon Dalley. He reported that Arrow Canyon #1 pumped 97,610,000 gallons. Baldwin Springs pumped 1,645,000 gallons which totaled 99,255,000 gallons.

Kiley wanted to highlight his guys. They have been going around doing the Lead Abatement Program, where they have been checking on all our laterals. We received a letter of appreciation from a customer. It feels nice to be recognized. They appreciated the information we gave them and for the cleanup we did in their yard.

Joe Davis Reported that we are hoping to have a ribbon cutting for the downtown project on August 17th. The Commissioner is willing to put some money forth to have a pancake breakfast. The Chamber of Commerce is trying to put together some type of raffle, to where individuals go to different businesses and then they will get a stamp in their book. Once they fill their book, they can bring their book back and be entered into a drawing. The drawing is designed to get people to go to the local businesses and get some foot traffic down on Main Street.

We were able to secure Vernon Robison. He is going to be writing public service announcements for the district. We're grateful that he was retiring and willing to help us.

7) Public Comment (may be limited to five minutes)

None

8) Directors' Preference

- Review Monthly Expenditure, Board Member Scott Farnsworth had a few questions that were answered.
- Litigation
- Other Related Water Rights

9) Public Comment. (May be limited to five minutes)

None

10) Approval of the August 8, 2024 Board Meeting

The Board agreed to keep the August Board Meeting on Thursday August 8, 2024 at 4pm. Ryan Wheeler stated that he will be calling in.

11) Adjournment

On a motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Scott Farnsworth the meeting adjourned at 4:42pm. The Board voted 5-0