

**MINUTES OF THE
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD
Thursday, November 14th, 2024**

PRESENT:	Kelby Robison	Jon Blackwell
	Lindsey Dalley	Ryan Wheeler
	Scott Farnsworth – Arrived at 4:19 pm	Byron Mills
	Joe Davis, General Manager	
	Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager	Jennifer Farnsworth
	Kiley Bradshaw	Jeannie Fox
	Scott Carson	Vernon Robison

ORDER OF BUSINESS: At 4:03 pm, Board Member Jon Blackwell 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 October 10, 2024 (For Possible Action)**
On a motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Jon Blackwell the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of October 10, 2024 meeting.
- 3) **Discussion of possible rate increase. (For discussion Only)**
Joe Davis stated that when we were going through the budgeting process. We concluded that instead of having a huge rate increase that might fluctuate with the cold, wet or rainy season and then having the funds come in, in order for us to take on the debt that we had with the water rights that we purchased from the church and the capital improvement projects. We opted to go with the two-prong approach. One of those was to add the \$10 fee to the meter, which we crossed that bridge. We were going to come back in December and that is when we usually do our rate increase. When we originally approached the board regarding the budgeting process we were talking about a 5% rate increase, so that is what staff put into the budget. With that in there we still showed a decrease with what we wanted to accomplish in the year. The budget still shows an estimated ending cash decrease of (\$380,885) Staff is recommending a 6% rate increase instead of the originally estimated 5% increase for the FY25 budget year. There was much discussion and questions between Board members and Staff.
- 4) **Insurance Presentation – Scott Carson (For Possible Action)**
Scott Carson presented two different insurance plans to the Board. He went over the district’s current Select Health insurance, stating that there is 7.8% increase over last year which will bring our new total to \$27,246.42 per month. Carson said they put this out to bid and the closest one that came in was HPN, which the Water District used to have for many years. The plan that had the closest benefits to what the district currently has is called Health Plan of Nevada HPN Solutions HMO Gold 20/1000/IP. Carson found out the HPN Benefits were not as good as Select Health and the cost came in higher at \$27,509.48. The recommendation was to stay with our current plan. After much discussion between board members, On a motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Jon Blackwell they moved to remain with the existing medical plan, Intermountain Health Care/Select Health. The Board voted 4/0
- 5) **Managers’ Report**
Jeannie Fox Office Manager reported on the first quarter FY25. The revenues are up on our budget report because we were warm for so long. Now we are in the cold months, but the budget is still looking good. Jeannie went over the Financial Dashboard, Revenues and reported that everything was going good in the office. We did make our first payment to SNWA for the year for the water rights loan.

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Lon Dalley Assistant General Manager reported on the Spring/Ground water Production. Arrow Canyon #1 pumped 78,516,000 gallons. Baldwin Springs pumped 749,000 gallons which brought our total to 79,265,000 gallons total. Arrow Canyon Well Level was right at 50 feet. No major change in the well level. Lon reported that the district participated in the Emergency preparedness Fair back on October 18 &19 at OLSHACS. It was successful and they asked us to come back again next year to teach a class. Board Member Scott Farnsworth stated that he was happy to see the District Participate in the Veterans Day parade held on November 11th. Kuddos went to Kiley Bradshaw and the outside crews for all their hard work and preparation. It was reported last month that Garrett Rose left, and the district has now hired Troy Robinson to replace him.

Joe Davis stated that the reports of Conveyance were sent into the State engineering, and we received a letter back from the state saying that those Water Rights are processed and approved. So, they are now in the Moapa Valley Water Districts name.

The EPA funding for the 9,000 feet. There is a piece in there for the agreement to where when we originally put the application in, in 2023 we guessed that we would be finished by January of 2025. Through all the time and hoops it ended up taking time. We're ready to move forward but the agreement had us ending in January so they wanted us to submit our last invoices so we could close out and we had to let them know that we had not even started yet. So, we talked to Elizabeth in the office. She was supposed to be putting in a request and it could take up to four weeks to get the agreement modified. Once we go out to bid, we can finish the project in 2-3 months. Our plan is in place and if we get it in December, you'll see something in the paper for the job in January. We'll try to get the job awarded quick so we can get to operation before the temperature starts to rise.

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

None

7) Directors' Preference

-Review Monthly Expenditures

-Litigation - On a motion of Scott Farnsworth and seconded by Jon Blackwell the Board voted 5-0 to go to closed door at 5:09 pm. On a motion of Scott Farnsworth and seconded by Jon Blackwell the Board voted 5-0 to come out of closed door at 5:50 pm.

-Other Related Water Rights

8) Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)

None

9) Approval of the December 6, 2024 Board Meeting

On a motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Jon Blackwell the Board agreed to hold the December Board Meeting on Friday December 06, 2024 at 3pm.

10) Adjournment

On a motion of Jon Blackwell and seconded by Scott Farnsworth the meeting adjourned at 5:51pm. The Board voted 5-0