# MINUTES OF THE MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD Thursday, December 5th, 2025

PRESENT: Kelby Robison Robert Terril

Tim Gordon Kiley Bradshaw Ryan Wheeler - On Phone arrived at 3:06pm Jeannie Fox

Joe Davis, General Manager Jennifer Farnsworth

Lon Dalley, Assistant General Manager Byron Mills

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 3:01 pm, Chairman Kelby Robison 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 November 13, 2025 (For Possible Action)
  On a motion of Robert Terril and seconded by Tim Gordon the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2025 meeting.
- 3) Discussion of possible rate increase. (For Possible Action)

Joe Davis reported that staff has spent the past few months collecting historical data and incorporating Board direction in an effort to better identify and plan for the future revenue needs for the continued operation and maintenance of the District's culinary water system. The data includes current revenues; operation & maintenance costs; depreciation requirements; identified critical capital replacement costs and NDEP Cap Grant Funding Requirements. This data has been on-boarded into the Districts WaterWorth Program. The District's FY26 Budget has an anticipated 7% rate increase for January 1, 2026 in the final estimated operating revenues. The Budget still shows an estimated ending cash decrease of (\$1,112,676) During discussions with Nevada Office of Financial Assistance, the projected revenue needs of the District were analyzed to meet the additional Cap Grant requirements of the 3 additional projects. Warm Springs Tank, Capital Improvement Plan update, and Satellite Leak Detection. These Discussions resulted in the recommendation of an 8% increase instead of the originally proposed 7% increase. Staff is recommending an 8% rate increase instead of the originally estimated 7% increase for the FY26 budget year. Current average residential bill Summer \$131.37 Winter \$85.15 7% \$139.87 (\$8.50) Rate 7% \$90.41 (\$5.26) 8% \$141.08 (\$9.71) 8% \$91.16 (\$6.01)

On a motion of Robert Terril and seconded by Tim Gordon the Board voted 4-0 to move to increase the District's monthly base rate, usage block rate, Backflow, Meter Connection Fee's, hydrant and Water Station usage rate and water resources fee by 8%

- 4) Personnel Approval of the employee Christmas Bonus (For Possible Action)
  On a motion of Tim Gordon and seconded Robert Terril the board voted 4-0 to move to approve the
  - Employee Christmas bonus including management for \$850.00 each.
- 5) Move special meeting scheduled for December 17, 2025 to December 22, 2025 at 4pm (For Possible Action)

Joe stated that moving the special meeting from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, would give everyone a little bit more time. Byron Mills asked if there was any reason he should be involved. Joe said no, that we are anticipating it being an award. There were only two contractors that showed up for the Pre-con, and they are both very reputable. We will have two issues with it. One is, is that we have a very limited window to drill and so it's not always going to be the lowest bidder, it will be the most responsive bidder because we can't be drilling anytime into April so whoever can make the timeline to get out here. That is who the recommendation will come for. We'll do the bid opening on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Vet everything out and then we will get the memo to everyone on Monday morning. That way it will give the board an opportunity to look at the info on who we are recommending. It could be a very quick call-in meeting.

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On a motion of Robert Terril and seconded by Tim Gordon the Board voted 4-0 to move the special meeting from December 17<sup>th</sup> to December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm.

#### 6) Managers' Reports

Jeannie Fox, Office Manager reported that there are no Managers reports this month, we will be reporting those next month for the past two months in a row. However, she has a customer complaint that she forwarded to the board that has been referred to legal counsel so we will be going into closed door for this. Byron Mills says generically he has been able to review all those and they have been forwarded to the board as well. In his opinion, Jeannie and staff have responded very well. Anything further, including questions, he would rather handle it in closed doors due to any potential risk of legal action. Board Member Robert Terril had a quick question that was answered by Byron.

Joe Davis reported that we received a records request from the Nevada Commission on Ethics from Commission Counsel member Elizabeth Bassett.

### 7) Public Comment. (May be limited to five minutes)

None

#### 8) Directors' Preference

- -Review Monthly Expenditures
- -Litigation- On a motion of Ryan Wheeler and seconded by Tim Gordon the Board voted 4-0 to go to closed door at 3:13pm. On a motion of Robert Terril and seconded by Ryan Wheeler the Board voted 4-0 to come out of closed door at 4:04 pm. After coming out of closed doors the district's attorney Byron Mills summarized a couple of issues that were addressed during closed door, one of which was the customer complaint. We do not want to discuss client customers' names, amounts or anything like that in a public forum without the customer here. That would not be appropriate. We did discuss the situation; I've been involved as counsel with the communication between Jeannie and this customer. I have given advice. In my opinion the district has followed policy and has acted appropriately. In review of things, we did not find the accusations of bad behavior on the staff was reasonable allegations, that our staff acted appropriately and I have given certain guidance on how to respond. At this point we have directed the manager to write a final letter to that particular customer addressing her concerns and addressing our responses. Byron asked if anyone had any questions. Staff & Board Members had no questions.
- -Other Related Water Rights Board Member Tim Gordon stated that he has been in touch with staff and they have been talking about Cost of Living and following the Social Security lines. He said that it will be coming up soon, so he wanted the Board to keep that on their minds and think about it. Chairman Kelby Robison asked if some information could be gathered for the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting so they time to review it before the January meeting. Tim Gordon said he would work on that.

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

None

#### 10) Approval of the January 8, 2026 Board Meeting

The Board agreed to hold the regular Board Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:00pm.

#### 11) Adjournment

On a motion of Tim Gordon and seconded by Ryan Wheeler the meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm. The Board voted 4-0