

**MINUTES  
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
HELD  
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Ken Staton, Chairman  
Robert Jones  
Guy Doty (absent)

James Robison  
Glen Hardy

Brad Huza  
Bryan Mortensen

Susan Rose  
Ken Bessey

Vernon Robison, MV Progress  
Ryan Wheeler, Forsgren & Associates  
Jacquelyn Pray, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 4:05 p.m., Chairman Ken Staton called to order the regular meeting of the Moapa Valley Water District Board of Directors. The agenda items were addressed in the following order:

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 13, 2010 (Action Item)**

On motion of Glen Hardy and seconded by James Robison, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the special meeting held on May 20, 2010 (Action Item)**

On motion of Glen Hardy and seconded by Ken Staton, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to approve the minutes of the special meeting.

**3. Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)**

**4. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee (2010 Show) – Donation - Jacquelyn Pray (Action Item)**

Jacquelyn Pray was present at the meeting to request a donation for this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. She explained that their costs have gone up quite a bit this year so they would appreciate any donations they can get.

On motion of Bob Jones and seconded by Glen Hardy, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to donate \$100 to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for the 2010 show.

**5. Discussion and possible approval of a change to the personnel policy manual regarding annual leave (Action Item)**

Mr. Huza explained that the existing policy on annual leave allows the employee the ability to accumulate up to 240 hours. Any amount in excess of 240 hours after the employee's anniversary date is automatically forfeited. On occasion this provision has had a negative impact on the organization. Employees will take their annual leave rather than forfeit and this

could leave the District with coverage issues. This is not a habitual problem. In fact it has only occurred three times in the last five years.

Mr. Huza asked for a minor modification to the policy to allow the General Manager to approve an exception to the 240 hour limit if such an exception will provide a benefit to the District while assisting the employee.

After some discussion, on motion of James Robison and seconded by Glen Hardy, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to change the wording in Section 5.2.1 (a) of the personnel policy manual to read "Any hours in excess of 240 hours on an employee's anniversary date are automatically forfeited unless it is an emergency or extenuating circumstances which has been approved by the General Manager."

## **6. Water Resource Committee Update (Discussion Only)**

Mr. Huza informed the Directors that the Water Resource Committee (WRC) recently met to discuss the Jones Springs bypass water. If the Board recalls, at the time of the implementation of the 340 A pumping project, the Moapa Valley Water District is contractually obligated to cease operations at the Jones Springs pumping facility and allow the normal diversion rate of 1 cfs to flow to the Muddy River. The District retains ownership of the water and is allowed to divert 80% of the 724 acre-feet (579 af). The volume has to be diverted by the District downstream from the "White Tank Narrows". The remaining 20% or 145 acre-feet may be diverted by MVIC at Wells Siding.

The Water Resource Committee reached consensus on developing a plan to place this resource to beneficial use within the service area of the District. As the District has no need for additional potable water supplies in the short term, the next best use would be to allow the agricultural sector of the community to access the water. The WRC agreed it is not the charge of the District to get involved in providing irrigation water to the agricultural sector. With the ongoing development slump, a considerable amount of acres will remain brown and fallow for the foreseeable future. If this block of water could be accessed by the agricultural sector, another 90 plus acres could be irrigated in the short term.

The WRC felt that close coordination with Muddy Valley Irrigation Company (MVIC) and Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) was critical to the success of this concept. MVIC would have to approve any such diversion or exchange of equivalent shares for use by the program. As SNWA is the largest share holder and potential partner in developing the project, their participation would be essential.

To start the process, it is essential to have the major stakeholders at the table. The WRC would be the obvious choice to represent the District and have the General Manager available for technical support. The District would request a two board member committee from the MVIC board with their General Manager as their support staff and representatives from SNWA.

The first order of business would be to have the stakeholders identify their issues and reach consensus on the viability of the overall project from a legal, political and physical standpoint.

If consensus can be reached, then the development of an implementation plan and any necessary agreements would be drafted. Upon legal review of the agreements, the respective Boards would either approve or reject.

The WRC discussed the appropriateness of Moapa Valley Water District's involvement in this project. Mr. Huza explained that it is not the mission of the District to provide water for agricultural irrigation purposes. There will be no financial gain by the District as the committee wants to offer the Jones Springs bypass water at no cost. The WRC felt a community obligation to share its available resource, if only for a limited time, to make the Valley a more desirable

place to live. Mr. Huza feels that the more desirable place Moapa Valley becomes, the more people are going to want to settle here and this will translate into additional service connections. He sees a potential positive impact from such a program.

The WRC also discussed the need to move forward on the development of a secondary water system. From a Staff perspective, the secondary system was going to be highlighted in the "Needs Assessment" that is presently being developed by Staff. A secondary water system will definitely play a huge part in the overall water resource management plan of the District.

Mr. Huza explained that this was not an action item but he and the WRC would like direction on the above two proposed projects.

The general consensus of the Board was for the WRC and Mr. Huza to move ahead with the plan to meet with representatives of MVIC and SNWA.

## 7. Manager's Report

**Senior Accountant** – Ken Bessey explained that the budget still looks good. Ken informed the Directors that 17% of the Districts payment are through automatic bill pay and that over \$14,000 was put through the credit card terminal last month.

**Water Production Superintendent** – Bryan Mortensen updated the Directors on some of the things that the water production crew did last month.

- 1) Repaired the flow meter at the Arrow Canyon Treatment Facility
- 2) Spencer Baker started his Eagle Project at the Arrow Canyon Facility. He will do phase 1 of the landscaping there.
- 3) Replaced the bearings on motor #2 at Baldwin Spring which is under warranty
- 4) Installed an air conditioner at Jones Spring for chemical storage. This is a spare unit.
- 5) Performed weekly and monthly preventative maintenance on production assets and equipment
- 6) Continued to work with Trace Detect on the arsenic analyzers
- 7) Did pressure and coliform testing at the Mining PRV and Airvacs for the 340A project
- 8) Had startup and training on Moapa Tank FCV

**Water Distribution Superintendent** – Joe Davis was unable to attend the meeting so Mr. Huza updated the Directors on what the Distribution crews had done last month.

Crews finished the work they doing at the Whipple crossing. They also installed 2,000' of 12" pipe & 950' of 8" pipe on Lawson and Casaby. Disinfection, pressure testing and meter relocation will be completed in the next two weeks.

No service interruptions were experienced last month from the construction being performed on Moapa Valley Blvd. District crews did repair three leaks on 1" service laterals in the system.

There were seven customer service requests last month. Three were pressure related and one was for a meter to be shut off, one for a broken meter box lid to be replaced, one for cloudy water and one odor complaint.

**General Manager – 1) Dechlorination Facility** - No new construction has taken place at this site over the past month. SNWA has not received the NPDES permit so start up has been postponed. Full operations schedule has been modified from June 2010 to July 2010 by SNWA.

**2) Intermediate Booster Station** - The intermediate booster station project is winding down. The project includes the installation of the larger booster pump and a new pressure reducing valve station at the Mining PRV site. The pumps have been installed and startup is scheduled for mid June. The startup will wrap this project up. As stated above, the 340A project is not scheduled to commence until mid summer.

**3) Small Water Main Replacement Project** – Mr. Huza explained that staff has completed the construction of the system upgrade in the Lawson / Casaby

area. The system upgrade enhanced fire flow significantly while allowing for the abandonment of a small diameter main that went under a residential dwelling unit.

The next area that will be upgrade is located on Thomas Street. The project limits for this project is bounded on the west by Jones Street and on the east by Conley Street. This system upgrade project is scheduled to start in late June with completion by late July. This project was planned to be constructed in conjunction with the sanitary sewer project presently being constructed by Clark County Water Reclamation District. It is the District's plan to upgrade the existing small diameter main with 8 inch diameter main and replace the services as necessary. The project will be completed before the pavement restoration occurs on Moapa Valley Blvd in the downtown Overton area.

#### **8. Ratify payment of May Expenditures**

On motion of James Robison and seconded by Bob Jones, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to ratify payment of the May expenditures.

#### **9. Director's Preference**

##### **-Resignation of Bob Jones, Moapa Representative on the Board of Directors (Action Item)**

Bob Jones resigned as the Moapa representative. He will be going to Armenia for a year and a half to serve a mission.

On motion of Bob Jones and seconded by Glen Hardy, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to accept the resignation of Bob Jones.

##### **-Appointment of new board member for the Moapa District to replace position vacated by Bob Jones (Action Item)**

On motion of Ken Staton and seconded by Glen Hardy, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to appoint John Blackwell as the new Moapa representative until December 31, 2010. The general elections in November will determine who will be the Moapa representative on January 1, 2011.

#### **10. Personnel-Closed Door Session**

#### **11. Approval of the July 8, 2010 Board meeting**

The general consensus was to hold the next board meeting on July 8, 2010.

#### **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.