

**MINUTES  
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
HELD  
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Kenneth Staton  
Randy Tobler  
Jonathan Blackwell

Scott Carson  
Lindsey Dalley

Joe Davis  
Lon Dalley  
Jeannie Poynor

Susan Rose  
Bryan Mortensen

Byron Mills  
Melissa Hardy, CC Jr. Livestock Association

Vernon Robison, MV Progress  
Cropper Henrie, CC Jr. Livestock Association

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 4:02 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. Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)**

None

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held February 11, 2014 (For Possible Action)**

On motion of Randy Tobler and seconded by Chairman Staton, the Board voted 3-0 in favor to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held February 11, 2014.

**3. Clark County Fair Board – Donation of Water – Kevin Willard (For Possible Action)**

There was no one from the CC Fair Board at the meeting so no action was taken.

**4. Clark County Jr. Livestock Show – Donation – Jolynn Wade (For Possible Action)**

Cropper Henrie reminded the Director's that they have sponsored the Clark County Jr. Livestock Show for many years. He thanked them and asked them if they would be willing to donate again this year.

On motion of Chairman Staton and seconded by Randy Tobler, the Board voted 3-0 in favor to donate \$100 to the Clark County Jr. Livestock Show.

**5. Review of the Tentative Budget for FY 2015 (For Possible Action)**

Joe Davis explained that one of the things the Director's need to see is the end of page 5, form 20. It shows that our net decrease would be \$343,956. The reason for that is that we have quite a few capital improvement projects that need to be done. One of those things is replacing our meter reader truck which will probably cost around \$25,000. We raised the small main fund to compensate for the increase in material costs. One large project that needs to be done is the Overton Tank recoating project. On the Capital Improvement Budget (2<sup>nd</sup> to the last page) items 1 – 7 are items carried over from last year. Last year we had \$35,000 slated for Baldwin Springs. We found out that that wasn't enough so we rolled that money over to Arrow Canyon so that's back on this year budget. We did do some work at Baldwin Springs. Staff poured concrete. Joe met with Scott Carson to go over the capital projects that need to be done. Joe estimates it will cost around \$130,000 just to get the inside work done on the Overton Tank. Some of the engineering work has already been done on it but it's probably still going to have to have more done. We can't keep pushing off the Overton Tank. We've known for the last five years that there's some paint problems inside so we've had it inspected three times in the last five years. It's not worse than it was but it has to have some painting done. If we let it go too long we will have to replace the tank. We are going to have to spend some money over the next five years in order to get some other major things done. On the last page it gives a description of

the projects. We have recurring projects and projects that will only have to be done one time. The Overton bypass project will only have to be done once. It will allow us to get the rehab work done on the Overton Tank. The tentative budget has to go to the State by April 15<sup>th</sup> so it will be on next month's agenda for approval. Staff wanted to review it with the Directors in case any changes need to be made before the April meeting. The final budget has to be approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of May.

Randy Tobler said that it's a good budget but he had a couple of questions. He asked why Distribution System Operations & Maintenance and Production Operations & Maintenance (page 4) jumped up so much. Jeannie Poyner said that there were things that we cut way back last year and this year we realized that we probably needed to add a little more to those accounts. We scaled back on the things we probably won't need so much money in and added to those that we needed more in. Randy also hates the negative figure on page 4. He asked if we could shave off \$4,156 from the Distribution System O & M so that it's not a negative figure. Joe said that we could do that. Randy asked what we would be using the money in Office Equipment for. Joe explained that last year we didn't use any money in that account. Jeannie said that one year we bought chairs for the Board room and one year we bought the table for the Board room. This year we don't have anything planned but it's there just in case we need something.

Lindsey came in at 4:15 pm.

## 6. **Manager's Report**

**Office Manager** – Jeannie Poyner explained that the budget still looks good. We're getting the bugs worked out of our computer system. We were down for about 24 hours last week. We had problems during the last Board meeting also. She's been working on computer issues a lot lately but she's slowly getting them worked out. The last time we were down it started at about 2 pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Anderson PC was here until midnight that night and they had to come back the next morning. Jeannie had already called Brad from Moapa Valley Telephone to see if they could help us out. Anderson PC kept saying that it was our router so Brad checked it out. He replaced the modem and hooked our old router back up. The problem was actually a little box that went bad. Randy asked if we wanted to stay with Anderson PC. Joe explained that the last guy they sent out knew what he was doing. We've had some problems that we're not happy about but we're going to give them a little more time.

**Water Distribution Superintendent – 1) Leaks** – Lon Dalley explained that there was a leak on a 1" line on Jones & Perkins, a 4" leak on Scott St, and a 5" leak on MV Blvd & Bowman Rd. The 5" leak was caused by a miss marked line that was bored into by Fugal. They are doing work for the telephone company. There were also two 20" leaks. One between the Moapa Tank and Ranch Rd. & one on Hwy 168 and 2021 W. Silver. That one was split the whole length of the pipe. It was quite an ordeal. We lost around 2M gallons of water which washed out a lot of the road. They guys spent the whole week repairing the road. NDOT has a pit across from Arrow Canyon and they were really good about letting us use dirt from it.

**2) Customer Complaints** – All of the customer complaints were due to leaks. **3) Hwy 168 Project** – The plans have been submitted for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. They accepted them but Lon just got a letter a couple of days ago saying that they want some revisions made. One of them was that we can't abandon a line in their R-O-W; it has to be removed. They also want some changes with the asphalt replacement.

**4) Miscellaneous** – We're still doing hydrant maintenance. We've replaced a couple on Robison Farm Rd. The valves have been replaced in the Narrows. Also, we're keeping an eye on Cooper St. They're putting in 24" carrier pipe. We'll be sliding our 12" line through it. We'll be the only ones using it unless we give permission to someone else. Mason Stratton's baby was born today. It's a girl!

**Water Production Superintendent** – Bryan Mortensen explained that up at Arrow Canyon there are some electrical components called VFDs which we lost last month. It's an old unit so we had to scrounge parts for it. It took quite awhile to figure out what was wrong with it. We finally had to have Wheeler Electric come out and help us figure out what it was. Bryan wanted to make sure that the Board understood that that doesn't leave us with a lot of wells. Arrow Canyon is our main site and if we're down a well we're in trouble. Things can happen very quickly. We haven't run Arrow Canyon #2 for about a year and we were just starting it up to flush it to bring it back online for spring when it decided that it didn't want to run. It ended up being two mother board cards about the size of Bryan's phone. They were both fried. We don't know what caused that to happen. It took the whole thing down. It's going to cost around \$8,000 which includes the two cards and installation. They will have to rip the whole thing apart to get to it. A new vfd would be \$45,000. We should have it back up and running next week hopefully.

We did another water transfer for the Moapa Dace down in Arizona.

We replaced a couple of large meters. One was at the Ag Farm where we also redid the box because the bus keeps running it over.

Lindsey said that the water production totals are up. He asked Bryan if he knew why. Bryan said that per our production meters we are up but he and Lon are trying to verify that there's not an issue with our meter. The meter at Baldwin Springs had to be replaced a couple of months ago. This meter is the exact same kind and same year as the one we had at Baldwin. They are wondering if it's having the same problem. If the meter's correct then we have a leak somewhere.

Jon Blackwell came into the meeting at this time.

**General Manager- Arrow Canyon** - Joe explained that when Arrow Canyon was first built we stored chlorine up there because the chlorine unit was in it. We took that money from Baldwin and used it to build a new building at Arrow Canyon. We moved all of the chlorine stuff outside because of the vapors and gasses. It's possible that that is what caused the vfd's to go bad. We did the building in house and it looks great. **Infowest** – Joe has been contacted by Infowest about putting a tower up at our Logandale Tank property. Joe is amenable to it. It won't take up very much space and it won't cause too much hardship. We could also make a little bit of money on it. The past agreement was around \$300/yr. It does benefit the community. Joe reminded the Directors that they would have to approve it. \$300/yr is the number that was originally given but we can negotiate that. Joe thinks that \$300 is pretty low since we are saving them from having to do environmental work and other things. They will still have to get their own BLM stuff. Joe brought this up so the Directors could think on it. It's not even close to being a done deal. Infowest would install a 10' tower in the corner of our property. **National Water Week** – This takes place May 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. In the past we have run a few informational ads but we haven't been very aggressive with it. There's a lot of information that AWWA provides and also a lot of interactive stuff out there for kids. Joe and Susan are going to be putting some ads together as well as having some fun stuff here for kids. **Water Rights Analysis** – Stanka Consulting has finished our water right analysis. Joe's been reviewing it and one of the things they think we should do is to make sure that we file the proof of beneficial use on the Arrow Canyon 2 cfs permit. We are definitely going to do that. That will be a really good thing to get done. Everything at Arrow Canyon is a combined duty and we want to make sure that it's done correctly because we don't want to leave any water on the table. Stanka will do all the leg work for us and get it taken care of. The second thing that they feel is really important is that we need to update our water resource plan. We paid someone \$36,000 to do one for us in 2002. That was only a 20 year plan and it's never been updated. Joe would like to do a 50 year plan. It also needs to be looked at on a regular basis to make sure that everything is being updated in a timely manner. Joe would like a Board action that would require Staff to look at it every two years to make sure that everything is up to date. Lindsey asked if it would help us prove up our water. Joe explained that the water resource plan will help us when we're filing extensions of time on our permits. The State Engineer will want to know if our water resource plan is updated. That carries weight when he is looking at requests for XOT's which are going to be harder and harder to get. The plan will also help them to see what our current needs are. We are going to see if we can get some money to help pay for the update. **Clark County Blanket Permit** - We've tried for four months to get the blanket permit from Clark County. We've made trips to their office, we've called and emailed and haven't heard anything. Joe finally got fed up and he called Commissioner Collins office. He spoke with Janice Rodando and she tried to get a hold of someone at the County. She didn't have any luck either. She was finally able to get a hold of them two days later and amazingly the permit will be done in two weeks. Joe saw her last night and she said to give her a call if we don't have it by Monday. She is very unhappy about the lack of communication we were receiving. **Rox Water Applications** – We receive a 60 day notice from the State Engineer's Office for the Rox Water. When PG & E was going to build a water plant we acquired a bunch of irrigation water in the Glendale area and up through Meadow Valley Wash. PG & E was going to buy all the water and put all the change applications in our name because they expected a 25 year life expectancy for the plant. After the 25 years the water would belong to MVWD. The applications went into the State in our name. They were granted after a lengthy hearing and then PG & E backed out and the water was bought by the Rox owners. Van Robinson came in and wanted us to relinquish the water to the owners. Joe thinks it's a good idea for the applications to be in their name because if they miss filing a XOT or some other paperwork it will be their problem not ours. However, Joe did insist that they put a note on the water rights that if the water is ever sold it can only be used in our service area. The only reason they put the water in our name was so the applications wouldn't be denied. They have finally agreed to put that verbiage on the water rights. The verbiage is, "*Grantor reserves the right to approve in writing any and all subsequent applications to change the manner of use, place of use and point of diversion of the water rights covered by this Quitclaim Deed, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld except as to proposed changes in place of use which approval shall be at the sole discretion of Grantor. The reservation contained herein shall be binding on the heirs, successors and assigns of the Grantee.*" If they want to use the water to irrigate fields up in Meadow Valley Wash, they will have to come to us and ask if they can do that. We will have to give them written approval. If they want to sell the water and the person wants to use the water somewhere else, we can say no. This makes sure that if 25 years from now they want to sell the water, the District will be protected. Basin 205 is

the only basin that is still open. There are five quitclaim deeds and each one has eight or nine change applications on them. Instead of doing one for every application the State Engineer is going to let us do one quitclaim deed referencing an attachment which has all the applications listed on it. Since we have a 60 day notice we need to put this on April's agenda in order for the Board to approve letting Joe sign the deeds. We do not want to let this water slip through our fingers. **Water Shares** – We have \$100,000 in the budget to purchase water shares. The Board had directed Staff to contact people on our list of people who want to sell shares to see if they wanted to sell them for \$30,000. We did that and found one person that wanted \$40,000 for theirs. They asked if we would meet them half way. The general consensus was to offer them \$32,500.

**7. Director's Preference**

**- Review Monthly Expenditures**

Randy Tobler disclosed that he has an interest in a small business that is on the monthly expenditures list.

On motion of Chairman Staton and seconded Jon Blackwell, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to refer the monthly expenditures to the auditors. Randy Tobler abstained.

**Chairman Staton called a closed-door session at 5:10 pm. This was seconded by Lindsey Dalley.**

- Litigation**
- Discussion on SNWA's proposed contract modifications**

**Chairman Staton reconvened the open-door session at 6:53 pm. This was seconded by Jon Blackwell.**

**8. Personnel – Closed Door Session**

**9. Approval of the April 10, 2014 Board Meeting**

The general consensus was to hold the next Board meeting on **April 3, 2014** at 4 pm.

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

None

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.