

**MINUTES  
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF BOARD MEETING  
HELD  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Kenneth Staton  
Jonathan Blackwell (absent)  
Randy Tobler  
  
Joe Davis  
Lon Dalley  
  
Byron Mills

Lindsey Dalley  
Scott Carson  
  
Susan Rose  
Jeannie Poynor

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** At 4:03 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 November 8, 2012 (for possible action)**

On motion of Chairman Staton and seconded by Lindsey Dalley, the Board voted 3-0 in favor to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held November 8, 2012.

**3. Clarify the District's policy regarding the financing of meter fees (for possible action)**

Joe Davis explained that we have an individual who would like to purchase a meter. When Joe started looking into the policy regarding financing the meter he found that the policy states that the customer had to put down 40% of the meter impact fees. In 1999 when the policy was created the meter fee wasn't broke down into a meter connection fee and impact fee. The whole fee was called an impact fee. The 40% came out to \$1200 so the customer had to put that down. The previous manager interpreted the policy as saying that the customer had to pay upfront the \$1500 connection fee and then 40% of the impact fee. That required the customer to put down about \$3200 and then they could finance the balance. Staff has gone back thru the minutes and there was never anything approved by the Board to change that policy. Staff looked at it and feels that it's pretty tough right now for someone to come up with \$5400 up front for a meter. This policy would only apply to someone that wants to purchase a meter for a single residence and only ¾" and 1" meters. The Water Dedication Ordinance covers large developments and smaller land divisions.

The customer would have to pay the \$200 financing fee and put down 40% of the costs of the meter. It would have to be paid off in two years and there would not be any interest charged.

Joe asked the Board what they would like to do.

Randy Tobler felt that we should let them finance the whole thing. We would be putting in a meter so we'll be making money on it. If they don't pay the bill we can put a lien on the property or we can take the meter out and they'd have to buy another one. We need the revenue and it would make it easier for people to purchase a meter. There are a lot of people that are hurting right now.

Lindsey Dalley asked if there is a downside to doing that. Joe said that since we put a lien on the property, we will eventually get our money. Also, the bills aren't compounding like they use to.

The only downside that Jeannie Poynor saw was that the monthly payment on the meter would be around \$225 plus their water bill.

Chairman Staton said that he would like to see them have to put something down.

Randy said that not requiring them to pay the \$1500 connection fee might come back to bite us but he would like to sell one if we could.

Joe said that if things pick up and we start selling a lot of them then we can revisit it at that time. We only have one person that wants to buy a meter right now.

Chairman Staton said that it would make a steep payment if the customer doesn't put anything down so he likes the option of letting the customer put whatever amount they want down if any at all.

Joe thinks that it would help some young families and it would at least generate some revenue.

Byron reminded the Directors that they can set whatever policy they want but the business side of him feels like we should at least get our costs up front. As a Board they can do what they want as long as they don't just do it for one individual.

(Scott Carson came into the meeting at this time)

Randy asked if this would cause a problem with developers. Byron said that we could have complaints if someone buys into a development and we make them come up with the full amount up front. Randy wanted to know if a developer could sue us if we don't allow him to finance his meters. Byron doesn't foresee a problem as long as we follow the policy as written. All we are doing is modifying the policy and this is a separate policy then the one for developers.

On motion of Lindsey Dalley and seconded by Randy Tobler, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to change the District's ¾" and 1" meter policy to require the applicant to pay the \$200 non-refundable finance fee at the time of application with the balance payable either when the work is completed or over 24 months – interest free.

#### **4. 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 Lindsey Dalley, the Board voted 3-0 in favor to refer the monthly expenditures to the auditors. Randy Tobler abstained.

##### **- Litigation**

**Chairman Staton called a closed-door session at 4:30 pm. This was seconded by Randy Tobler.**

**Chairman Staton reconvened the open-door session at 5:10 pm. This was seconded by Lindsey Dalley.**

#### **6. Personnel**

##### **- Employee Christmas Bonus (for possible action)**

On motion of Chairman Staton and seconded by Scott Carson, the Board voted 4-0 in favor to give each employee a \$400 Christmas gift.

#### **7. Approval of the January 10, 2013 Board Meeting**

The general consensus was to hold the next Board meeting on January 10, 2013.

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

None

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.