

**MINUTES
MOAPA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013**

PRESENT: Kenneth Staton
Randy Tobler
Jonathan Blackwell (Absent)

Joe Davis
Lon Dalley
Jeannie Poynor

Byron Mills

Vernon Robison, MV Progress
Ryan Wheeler, Forsgren Associates

Scott Carson
Lindsey Dalley

Susan Rose
Bryan Mortensen

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. Public Comment (May be limited to five minutes)

None

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting held June 13, 2013 (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 June 13, 2013. Lindsey Dalley abstained.

3. Manager's Report

Office Manager – Jeannie Poynor explained that the reports in their Board books are for the last two months since there wasn't a meeting last month. The totals are the unaudited totals. Revenues are over what was expected. Expenditures are down. The totals include depreciation which was \$704,000.

The auditors will be here the last week in August. Since Pelorus has been helping us prepare the financial statements, the auditors sent a letter saying that they are looking at reducing our audit fees from \$10,000 to \$9250.

Water Distribution Superintendent – 1) Leaks – Lon Dalley explained that in June there were three 1" leaks. A galvanized 90 eroded and started leaking on Cottonwood. There was a leak at Valley Heights which was on Vanguard pipe and there was a leak on Cooper and Robison which was also Vanguard pipe. There were a couple of 2" leaks and an 8" leak up at Hidden Valley. In July there were three 1" leaks; one on the Reservation was also Vanguard pipe. There was a leak at Perkins/Andersen and one at Lyman/MV Blvd. They were caused by setters that had pinholes in them. There was a 2" leak at NV Energy upstream of their meter. **2) Customer Complaints** – One customer complained about a leak in his meter box. It was far enough downstream of the meter that it was his responsibility. There was another complaint from a customer in Moapa who said that we were blowing out his sprinkler heads. We had replaced the meter lateral prior to the complaint so we could have had air in the line which might have caused the problem. We flushed the lines again and there was no air in the lines at that time. We haven't heard anything else from that customer. **3) Cottonwood Project** – The bac-t samples came back clean so we have started moving the main line laterals over and also the meters. We have 12 meters left to do. That should be done in the next week or so. Then we'll finish concreting the hydrants and valves. That will just leave permanently patching the asphalt and the project will be completely done. **4) MVHS Gym** – Core Construction is the contractor for that job. They had to tie into our water line for the fire flow for the new gym so they paid us to drop in a tee and a valve. That work was done a couple of weeks ago. **5) Waite Street** – Eagle View is the contractor for the Waite Street paving project. We have a 4" line and a 12" line that run parallel to each other. We abandoned the 4" line so the meters that were on the 4" line were moved over to the 12" line. Brad was afraid that the water would get stagnant on the 12" so he had the contractor install a 4" line to eliminate that. We got that done before Eagle View started the project. Eagle View is also relocating

two hydrants which we will make sure are up to our standards. Lon pulled the bac-t's yesterday so we'll know soon if they are clean or not.

Water Production Superintendent – Bryan Mortensen explained that production came in a couple of million gallons over what was produced last year. We produced 115,000,000 gallons for the month.

The Production crew has been doing a lot of repairs to the chlorine generator at Arrow Canyon. It's the main generator up there and we use it to make chlorine so we don't have to buy it.

If the Board recalls one of the first things that Joe took care of when he was made General Manager was the low pressure problem in Moapa. At that time we weren't running Baldwin because Coyote Springs was running. The pumps that are at Baldwin won't keep up with that pressure. Joe and Bryan put the pump back in that used to be at Baldwin Spring. It's about 38 yrs old and it is running great. It runs better than the brand new one that is sitting right next to it. It doesn't pump as much as we wanted it to but it's quiet. Joe & Bryan are still looking at some other options.

We received the official email that Coyote Springs will remain offline indefinitely so we've taken the opportunity to service the flow control valves, the prv's and all of the other things that we can't service when the plant is running. We're almost done doing all of that. It's pretty much ready to go if they ever decided to turn it back on.

We're moving forward with the 1 ½" and 2" meter change outs from regular meters to radio read meters. They are already catching more revenue.

We sent two Octave meters back because of bad design. They're under warranty so it doesn't cost us anything but the costs to remove them.

There haven't been any improvements on the data logs. We had 38 requests and only 11 worked. We didn't have a lot of customer service requests the last two months but there were a couple of complaints about pressure, a few leaks and a couple of general questions.

General Manager – Joe Davis informed the Directors that Bryan Mortensen had passed the D4 test. It's an asset to the District. Bryan wants to start working on his T4 which is a really hard test to pass.

Bryan had also forwarded to Joe an email that he had received from Arizona Rural Water. They were looking for donations for the town of Yarnell. They lost 25% of their water system when they had the fire. They needed water meters and we had a stack of water meters that we had taken out when we went with the AMR meters. We had 168 and they needed 200. They only had 600 meters in their system. Monday Joe took the meters and 1000' of poly pipe to them. Scholzen Products also donated some 6" parts. He said the people were extremely grateful for the help. Joe thought that that was a great idea that Bryan had. Nevada Rural Water has Nevada WWARN which is basically companies helping companies. If something happens like the fire Yarnell had or the Carpenter 1 fire that happened at Mt. Charleston, NRWA will send out an email letting everyone know what those water companies need. Joe offered our dozer to the residents at Trout Creek because they were having a hard time finding one. The day that we were suppose to take it up another individual that is right there offered his so we didn't have send ours. Senator Horsford was there and Dan Tarnowski with NV Rural Water made sure that he knew that we had offered our dozer. It's a good program. If we send men or equipment the government will reimburse us for it. **Baldwin Springs**- We have had a few issues between the chlorinator and other things that are going on up at Arrow Canyon. If we have to take it offline and we can't meet demands, we will have to turn Jones on and push it over to Baldwin. That's why we're trying to make sure that Baldwin is up and running. It's not that we're just trying to get ready for the future, we do have some issues and if we don't have backup we won't be able to meet the needs of our customers. It's something we are working on because it's a necessity. **Dollar**

General – Joe sent a new water line estimate over to them to run the water line down to their store. They're trying to get some of the other things done that they need to get done with the County before they move forward with the water line. The County is causing them a lot of headaches so nothing has taken place there. If Joe hears anything from them he will let the Directors know. **Debt Management** – We had to submit the new Debt Management Policy along with the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and some other documents to the State and County. **Twin Springs Easement** – Joe received the comments from SNWA. They are trying to put the Twin Springs Agreement, the 340A Contract modification and the Church Lease modification into one meeting. Joe sat down with Staff and went over the Twin Springs Easement. They were able to incorporate our ideas into it and Byron has also gone through it. They got it back to the way it was when the Board first looked at it. It's been sent back to SNWA and Joe let them know that it needs to be taken care before we are going to move forward with anything else. When SNWA sent the paperwork on the 22nd, they wanted to setup a meeting for the week of the 17th but Joe told them that we weren't going to be able to go through the agreements, put our comments and concerns in it and have our legal counsel look at them by that date. Joe said he would let them know when we are ready to sit down and go over it. **340A Contract Amendments** – Joe had copies of the amended contract which has the things they are offering in it and what staff

thinks needs to be included in it. Staff just needs to sit down and figure out what we're going to do. We also need to know what our recourse is if things fall through.

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 4:35 pm. This was seconded by Lindsey Dalley.

Chairman Staton reconvened the open-door session at 6:15 pm. This was seconded by Lindsey Dalley.

5. Personnel – Closed Door Session

6. Approval of the September 12, 2013 Board Meeting

The general consensus was to hold the next Board meeting on September 12, 2013 at 4 pm.

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

None

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.