



BIG PLAINS WATER SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING

1777 N Meadowlark Dr, Apple Valley

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Chairman | Andy McGinnis

Board Members | Frank Lindhardt | Harrold Merritt | Ross Gregerson | Jarry Zaharias |

CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Andy McGinnis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Board Member Jarry Zaharias led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairman Andy McGinnis

Board Member Frank Lindhardt

Board Member Harold Merritt

Board Member Ross Gregerson

Board Member Jarry Zaharias

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Disbursement Listing for October 2022 and December 2022.
2. Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2023 through October 2022.
3. Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2023 through December 2022.

The Board has reviewed and they have no questions as to what is presented.

MOTION: Board Member Lindhardt motioned that we approve the three items that are on our consent agenda, Disbursement listing October 22 and December 22, Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2023 through October 22, and Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2023 through December 22.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Zaharias.

VOTE: Chairman McGinnis called for a vote:

Board Member Merritt - Aye

Board Member Gregerson – Aye

Board Member Zaharias – Aye

Board Member Lindhardt- Aye

Chairman McGinnis - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Minutes: December 14, 2022.

The Board has reviewed and have no questions.

MOTION: Board Member Merritt motioned to approve minutes from December 14, 2022.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Gregerson.

VOTE: Chairman McGinnis called for a vote:

Board Member Merritt - Aye

Board Member Gregerson – Aye

Board Member Zaharias – Aye

Board Member Lindhardt- Aye

Chairman McGinnis - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

CHAIRMAN | WATER SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dale Harris went over what the district has been up to for the last little bit. Especially on the Cedar Point side and wells we inherited that have iron algae. The district has been working to get another source online and sample as well as legalizing with state monitoring. Well 59 has radium and we have been working on cleaning it up. It's going kind of good. Without the board he doesn't know what he would do without them because they are a huge asset and help. He discussed blending systems would help the iron algae problem. This would include no servers in Cedar Point and all water will go to million-gallon tank. Canaan Springs has been completed but with the monsoons wash out we have had to recover some items. A flow meter was installed. Those sources will be fenced up there. The issue with the cook well is that we inherited a system that we are trying our best to keep up with. A leak was fixed by Chairman Andy McGinnis and him earlier. He elaborated a little more on the 6-inch line and being more efficient and being able to flush the lines. He will be able to test the tank and be more efficient putting the water in the system. He thanked the Board for their help and he could not do this alone. Board Member Gregerson asked about the 6-inch line being the sole source. Dale Harris answered this will help get better control of the water that we don't have over there. We have gone through our sources and we made effort but it just didn't produce. Everything that we have done we have done in house. Washington Conservancy District helped with Well 59 but other than that it's me and volunteer hours. Board Member Lindhardt asked what the usage is for summer high months. Answered between 3-4 million a month. Winter months is less. Board member Lindhardt asked how often the wells need to be maintained. Dale Harris answered every 5 years.



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Chairman McGinnis discussed a water usage analysis for December 2021 vs 2022 with savings of about 200,000K gallons. He appreciates the residents being able to cut back. July 2021 vs 2022 there were 300,000K gallons saved. In August 1.5 million gallons saved, September 1.8 million gallons saved, October overused by 35,000K gallons, and November 1.1 million gallons saved. He thanked the residents. In August 2021 vs 2022 we saved 700,000K gallons with growth. The totals for using water both years with total saving of 5 million and both years 2021-2022 over 250,000K gallons overage with growth and that is acceptable for sure. This has been a nice wet fall winter. I would hope we continue these trends of water savings which better in the long run and easier on our system. Hopefully in the near future the Water conservancy District studies and aquifer study will be available for future planning.

ENGINEERING

Excused by Chairman McGinnis due to no engineering report at this time.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

5. **Discussion and Action:** Consider approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Schedule.

Board Member Lindhardt commented the meetings are scheduled monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.
Chairman McGinnis commented we are keeping the same schedule as previous.

MOTION: Board Member Gregerson motioned to approve the proposed meeting schedule for the calendar year 2023.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Zaharias.

VOTE: Chairman McGinnis called for a vote:

Board Member Merritt - Aye
Board Member Gregerson – Aye
Board Member Zaharias – Aye
Board Member Lindhardt- Aye
Chairman McGinnis - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

6. **Discussion and Action:** Consider approval of request to sublease BLM/Wilderness leased agreement - Spring#1 and #2. Applicant: Kenstal LLC.

Chairman McGinnis reported that Ms. Webb has asked us to extend this one more meeting, she's been having a hard time getting her lawyer and our meetings on the same schedule. Board Member



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Lindhardt suggested since there is no fee for this that we take off the agenda until they are ready to be put back on at the applicant's request. Board Member Merritt agreed.

MOTION: Board Member Merritt motioned to approve the deletion of Kenstal's request for application for subleasing the easement on BLM and Wilderness.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Lindhardt.

VOTE: Chairman McGinnis called for a vote:

Board Member Merritt - Aye

Board Member Gregerson – Aye

Board Member Zaharias – Aye

Board Member Lindhardt- Aye

Chairman McGinnis - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

7. SSD District Training Video-Test to be taken after the meeting is adjourned.

Local District and Special Service District Board Member Training 2023 Video watched by the Board Members. Test will be taken after the meeting is adjourned.

REQUEST FOR A CLOSED SESSION

No request.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Board Member Gregerson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Board Member Zaharias.

VOTE: Chairman McGinnis called for a vote:

Board Member Merritt - Aye

Board Member Gregerson – Aye

Board Member Zaharias – Aye

Board Member Lindhardt- Aye

Chairman McGinnis - Aye



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The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Date Approved: Jan 8 Feb 2023

Approved BY: Harold Merritt
~~Chairman | Andy McGinnis~~
Co-Chairman | Harold Merritt.

Attest BY: Jenna Vizcardo
Town Clerk/Recorder | Jenna Vizcardo