

# MOHAVE VALLEY IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 6, 2012

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012 AT THE OFFICES OF THE MOHAVE VALLEY IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT ("THE DISTRICT")

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Vanderslice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Joseph Hancock, Clay Vanderslice, John Kai, Jamie Kelley (District Legal Counsel), Mark R. Clark (District Manager)

Not Present: Charles B. ("Chip") Sherrill, Jr.  
Perry Muscelli  
Cecily Preusser (Administrative Assistant)

**WAIVER MOTION.** Motion to waive the reading of full minutes and resolutions presented for approval or adoption.

A motion to waive the full reading of the September 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Vanderslice. Mr. Kai seconded the motion. All were in agreement, motion passed.

### 1. **REPORTS.**

A. Niblack Engineering System Progress Report for September, 2012.

Mr. Clark advised that he had met with Mr. Niblack last month when he was in town. Mr. Niblack advised that he had a few wells that he needs to do some more repair work on. One of the meters is not working on one of the well sites. Well 9 is also not working, so Mr. Niblack has some repairs and work to do on some of the wells. Mr. Niblack is waiting for cooler weather to make the repairs.

B. Bureau of Reclamation Lower Colorado Water Supply Report for week of September 24, 2012.

C. USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - Arizona Agri-Weekly Report for the week ending September 30, 2012.

2. **AGENDA MODIFICATION.** Possible action to withdraw from, or move, any item on the Agenda, including the removal of an item from the Consent Agenda.

District Counsel advised that with regard to Item 3A, either Mr. Kai needed to abstain from the Consent Agenda due to his absence at the September 11, 2012 meeting or Item 3A needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Hancock suggested that Consent Items A and B be removed from the Consent Agenda. The September 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes would be approved at next month's meeting.

Mr. Vanderslice made a motion that Consent Agenda Items A and B be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hancock seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA.** *The items listed below will be considered as a group and acted upon by one motion with no separate discussion of said items, unless a Board Member requests an item or items be removed for separate discussion and action.*

- A. Approve the September 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes.
- B. Ratify payment of expenses for September, 2012.
- C. Possible action to approve items withdrawn from Consent Agenda.

**4. REGULAR AGENDA.**

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the water usage numbers for other exempt wells as provided by District Manager Mark R. Clark.

Mr. Clark advised that water usage numbers have been provided to the Board for their review. The District is in pretty good shape with the 2012 numbers at this point, everybody has been participating and Mr. Clark stated that he felt good about the numbers at this point.

Mr. Clark advised that he had provided the Board with estimates of what numbers the District should use for the exempt wells. Mr. Clark feels that 375 gallons is the number that should be used, at least as a starting point. It is the number that the ADWR uses. Mr. Clark requested a motion to approve the 375 gallon number.

Mr. Kai made a motion to approve the 375 gallons per day for exempt wells. Mr. Vanderslice seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- B. Discussion and possible action to approve the District Manager's update of the District water usage report.

Mr. Clark advised that water usage numbers report was provided to the Board for their review for the ag use, amenity use, etc. The District is in

pretty good shape with the 2012 numbers at this point, everybody has been cooperating and Mr. Clark stated that he felt good about the numbers at this point.

Members of the public entered late and District Counsel updated guests of what action items had already been considered, which was Action Item A, to establish 375 gallons per day as the number to use in calculating usage of exempt wells.

Mr. Clark advised that we had all the 2012 water data.

Mr. Hancock brought the discussion back to Item 3B, payment of expenses. Mr. Vanderslice had a question with regard to the first expense item, Burd's home maintenance. The expense on the report was for \$700.00 but the invoice showed \$370.00. District Counsel advised that the number was probably transposed by staff. Said item would be discussed at next month's meeting as Ms. Preusser was not present to explain the item.

Mr. Vanderslice then had a question as to Mr. Niblack's charges for tools. Mr. Clark advised that the charge was for power tools and that he had talked to Chairman Sherrill about the purchase as the tools were needed to implement repairs. Mr. Vanderslice had a question about a \$39.00 late fee on the District Chase Mastercard statement. District Counsel advised that the bill was most likely paid late, but staff must wait for Chairman Sherrill to approve the bills before they are paid. District Counsel suggested that the item be held until next month's meeting.

Mr. Vanderslice made a motion to table the discussion on payment of September expenses until the November meeting. Mr. Kai seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- C. Discussion and possible action to approve changing start times for monthly District meetings.

Mr. Kai made a motion changing the starting time for Executive Meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Regular Meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Vanderslice seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- D. Discussion and possible action to approve staff to attend the Microsoft Excel seminar being conducted in Lake Havasu City, Arizona on November 27 and 28, 2012.

Mr. Kai made a motion that staff be allowed to attend the Microsoft Excel seminar. Mr. Vanderslice seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- E. Discussion and possible action to approve monthly landscaping of District office.

Mr. Kai made a motion that the District request for proposals for monthly landscaping of the office. Mr. Vanderslice seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

## 5. PUBLIC INPUT.

Steve Buck gave an update as to the status of the Bella Vista effluent line. He advised that Bella Vista was pulling about 230 per day. Mr. Buck advised that he needed to give Mr. Clark Bella Vista's projections for next year but needed some help from Mr. Clark to determine that amount should be taking into account the effluent use. Bella Vista has water from MCWA for which it must pay without regard to use water from the District that is only paid for if used, so the numbers need to be reviewed. Bella Vista has effluent coming into the lakes that it is not pumping now that it is winter time and water usage is lower, and there is no evaporation, so they need to review the math.

Mr. Buck then gave an update of negotiations for financing through WIFA of the Bullhead City water reclamation facility. Mr. Buck stated that he has been working with Sarah of WIFA to look for governmental entities to help the District with its portion of the financing, as there are statute issues with the District receiving financing from WIFA. Mr. Buck would like to meet with District Counsel, Chairman Sherrill, BHC City Manager and Engineer to determine if the City of Bullhead would consider being the entity to obtain WIFA financing, but the City is understandably concerned about who is going to pay it back. Mr. Buck feels that there is a communication problem and that assurances need to be made as to the repayment.

District Counsel stated that there had been discussions as to how the District and Bella Vista were going to pay for their portions. District Counsel stated that she feared that we were in a more difficult place to make this work than we were 3 years ago.

Mr. Buck stated that Mr. Clark was well versed in what was happening with the water treatment facility. Mr. Buck stated that WIFA has the money ready to go, however there were problems in the logistics.

District Counsel advised that one of the big changes that came out of the agreement with the City between the Maureen George version and Garn Emery was the City's obligation help with financing. District Counsel advised that she would place the matter on the agenda for next month's Executive session for discussion.

There was then a general discussion of costs and financing.

Mr. Buck then asked when beneficial reviews would be undertaken. Mr. Clark advised that Ms. Preusser would be contacting him later in the month as soon as

it could be determined what Chairman Sherrill's schedule was, and the reviews would then be scheduled.

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Mr. Kai made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Vanderslice seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the District. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodations.