

MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MOHAVE VALLEY IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Held March 02, 2021

Public Meeting 4:00PM

Mohave Valley Irrigation & Drainage District
1460 E. Commercial Street, Mohave Valley, AZ 86440

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District and to the general public that the Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District will hold a meeting open to the public on Tuesday, March 02, 2021 at 2:00 pm via Zoom teleconference due to the Coronavirus. As indicated in the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) Items 2a, 2b and 2c the Mohave Valley Irrigation & Drainage District may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss certain matters. The board will reconvene in Open Session via Zoom beginning at 4:00 pm.

Topic: MVIDD Open Session

Time: Mar 2, 2021 04:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER. Chairman, Charles B. Sherrill, Jr., called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Charles ("Chip") B. Sherrill, Jr., Chairman/Director Division III
Perry Muscelli, Treasurer/Director at Large
Kerri Hatz, General Manager

Via Zoom: Vince Vasquez, Director Division II
John Kai, Jr., Director Division I
Michael J. Pearce, District Counsel

Absent: Clay Vanderslice, Director at Large

2. Consideration of Action to go into Executive Session of the Board for the following purposes:

- a. *Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)(4) & (7), discussion and consultation with legal counsel of the District in order to consider legal questions on Items 8E, 8F, 8G and items 2b and c below.
- b. *Discussion of Fifty-Fifth Legislature and items relating to water.
- c. *Review and discussion on MVIDD Contract List.

[The discussions and minutes of the executive session shall be kept confidential. The executive session of the Board is not open to the public.]

Perry Muscelli made a motion to go into executive session, John Kai, Jr., seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Executive session began at 2:07 pm. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.

Perry Muscelli made a motion to adjourn executive session, Vince Vasquez seconded the motion. All in favor, executive session adjourned at 3:40 pm. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.

- 3. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.** Open session reconvened at 4:03 pm.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Perry Muscelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. WAIVER MOTION.** Motion to waive the reading of full minutes and resolutions presented for approval or adoption. Perry Muscelli made a motion to waive the reading of the full minutes and or resolutions for approval or adoption, Vince Vasquez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.
- 6. AGENDA MODIFICATION.** Possible action to withdraw from or move any item on the Agenda. No action taken.
- 7. REPORTS.**

Water: Staff summarized the District water use for the date ending January 31, 2021 and reported the current inflow projections for Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Perry Muscelli also reported on current conditions.

- a. Staff report on District water use.
- b. Bureau of Reclamation Lower Colorado Water Supply Report.

Finances: Staff summarized the financial reports through January 31, 2021.

- c. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual year to date July 1, 2020 thru January 31, 2021.
- d. Profit & Loss Statement for January 2021
- e. Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2021.

Other:

- f. MVIDD Staff Report. – General information to update the board members.

Staff advised the board that the 1st and 2nd payments have been mailed to the 2020 EC-ICS Participants through our SCIA Agreement with BOR.

Staff reminded the board that the Law of the Colorado River Virtual Conference is March 11 and 12.

Staff advised the board that the District received an email from NRCS-Monty Lane, our local District Conservationist, he has taken a new job in Tucson and until that vacancy is filled, Rian Barton will be running the Kingman office.

Staff reminded the board that all annual water fees are due by March 31, 2021 and next month we will be starting the first discussions on the next fiscal year budget.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. **Approve the February 02, 2021 Regular Session Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the regular meeting minutes from last month. Perry Muscelli made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, John Kai, Jr., seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.
- B. **Approve the February 02, 2021 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the executive session meeting minutes from last month. Perry Muscelli made a motion to approve the executive session minutes, John Kai, Jr., seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.
- C. **Ratify payment of Expenses for February 2021.** Discussion and possible action to ratify the payment of expenses for last month. Staff reviewed the expenses for February with the board members. Perry Muscelli made a motion to ratify the payment of February expenses, Vince Vasquez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.
- D. **Sunset Palms, Tract 4183C; T19N, R22W, Section 26; 41 Lots for 13.94-acre feet of water. Request for Final Water Allocation.** Discussion and possible action to approve the request for a final water allocation for 41 lots. Upon approval, a conditional final allocation will be issued, and shall expire six (6) months from the date of approval. Staff reviewed the request for the final water allocation with the board members and advised that this final plat is currently under review with Mohave County Development Services. If approved today, then the District would send a conditional final allocation letter to the developer and that condition is proof of the approved and signed final plat from Mohave County within 6 months from the board of directors' approval. Perry Muscelli made a motion to approve the request for the final water allocation, John Kai, Jr., seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.
- E. ***2020 Annual Crop Report.** Discussion and possible action to approve

the crop report prepared for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Staff presented the 2020 Annual Crop Report to the board members. Staff advised if approved today, this would be mailed to the BOR by the end of the week. Perry Muscelli made a motion to approve the crop report, Vince Vasquez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.

F. ***Land IQ Engagement.** Discussion and possible action to approve the engagement of Land IQ for a 2020 Consumptive Use analysis. Staff recommended that we use Land IQ to do a consumptive use analysis for possible participation in the 2022 EC-ICS Program. Staff also suggested that we have Land IQ do a consumptive use analysis on all the farmland within the district that have an agricultural water entitlement contract. The board members discussed having Vince Vasquez reach out to Land IQ to see if they would be interested in doing it for the district and getting a proposal for both the 2022 EC-ICS Program and a second proposal to look at all the contracted farmlands. Perry Muscelli made a motion engage Land IQ for a proposal and leave it to the discretion of the chairman to act on that proposal, Vince Vasquez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.

G. ***Update on 2nd Workshop on the “Exploration of Quantification Methods of Agricultural Water Conservation in the Lower Colorado River Basin” via webinar held on March 2, 2021.** Update only on the workshop held early this morning. Mr. Pearce updated the board members on the 2nd workshop presentation that was held early today. The workshop was very technical in nature and focused on deficit irrigation methods in the PVID experience. The next steps will be selecting five participants to be included in this study. Mr. Pearce is not sure that the district, with it being such a small district, will have much to offer if selected to participate and there may be better fitted candidates for this study. The board members directed Mr. Pearce to reach out to the BOR and better determine our interest in participation.

9. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC.** *Those wishing to address the Board at the Call to the Public regarding matters not on the Board agenda can request to do so at this time. Due to the Pandemic, meetings are being held via Zoom. Action Taken as a result of public comments will be limited to responding to criticism, referral to staff, or placing a matter on a future Agenda. Comments are restricted to items **NOT** on the Regular Agenda and must relate to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board.*

No members of the public were present on zoom.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.** Perry Muscelli made a motion to adjourn, John Kai, Jr., seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:33pm. Kai, - Y; Muscelli – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.

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Items on Agenda marked with an asterisk (*) will be discussed in executive session with District counsel in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)(4) & (7).

Vote Key: Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstain