

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Bear Valley Water District
Monday, January 19, 2009

Time: 1:00p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bear Valley Water District was called to order by Board President, Dave Ritchie at 1:00p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board President Ritchie, Directors; Bissell, Davis, Orvis, Neth. District Staff present, Field Manager, Steve Mikesell, Office Manager, Tia White

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Board members provided Tia with a list of corrections for page one, two. Starting with 10 not .10 on the state reports. Under Field Manager's Report, second sentence use of the word well verses good. Third sentence, use of the word quiet. Page 2, Under Rossi Sewer Project, first sentence, use the word accept. Page 3, second paragraph, the spelling of Dave Andres, corrected spelling. After corrections, on motion by Director Davis and seconded by Director Neth the minutes for December 15, 2008 were approved. All in Favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

GUESTS:

Eric Jung, Cub Reporter, Jerry Breen of Clean Filtration Tech.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Review of Financial Activities-Balance Sheet-

No comments.

Request to pay the accounts payable as presented-

Directors discussed the break down of Eco-Logic's billing for January; it was 5 months of engineering services. Tia presented to the Board a list of the January's Accounts Payable in the amount of \$23,472.20. On motion By Director Davis and seconded by Director Neth the accounts payable for January, 2009 were approved. All in Favor.

Credit Line Activity-

No credit line activity for the month of January.

Board President Ritchie and Director Neth met with Susan Barsetti (Vice President of Commercial Accounts with F&M Bank) and staff on January 13, 2009. Discussion was on the possibility of a loan to the District for our Tertiary Treatment Facility. President Ritchie stated that the Bank is very open to a loan to the District at 5 to 6 percent being a possibility as well and converting the credit line account into the loan. F & M Bank will be providing the District with a proposal in the next few weeks. Staff is working on an automatic payment ACH, through F&M Bank, and hope to have application out to ratepayers in next billing cycle.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: General Manager; Bill Perley not available for January's meeting. Items being worked on listed under titles below.

FIELD MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Mikesell stated that they are gearing up the pump stations for summer time by running pumps, generators. Steve & Jerry Breen have also gone over start up procedures on the pilot test also working on trouble shooting and back flushing cycles.

Board members and staff also discussed Lake Alpine Water Company's concentrations of TSS. Their use of SCADA and hollow fiber tubes. Jerry Breen stated that he would like to see the Lake Alpine Water Co. Plant operations.

ENGINEER'S REPORTS & COMMENTS:

Review of Regulatory Tasks-

Engineering & district staff working on Third Tri-annual Report for 2008.

Review of Correspondence from District Engineer-

Board Members reviewed correspondence from Eco-Logic, District Engineer, Neal Colwell. In the letter dated January 15, 2009 Neal expressed concerns he had on the Pilot program. He reminded the Board that we have to be a tertiary treated plant by October 01, 2010. He stated that he had limited information from staff on the project and has not been requested or specifically served in the capacity as district engineer on the vendor-promoted project being under taken by the District. One of his concerns was that licensed professionals were not reviewing the project. He provided a list of his concerns to the Board. Board members stated that they were looking into items a little closer. Also board members discussed Neal's concern with going with a firm (CFT) that has never done this kind of treatment before. Board President Ritchie stated that Neal does have some valid points. Phil stated CFT is not just a vendor, and he does want to hear an engineer's opinion on this. Director Neth discussed the various approaches we can take to solve our problem. Director Bissell still questioned whether the 100yr. flood plain and issues with the main pump station are being addressed. Issues of the Equipment House, storage, chemicals, Daf units, peak flows and design standards. Financing of the project and Dow chemicals involvement with Clean Filtration Tech; working with Dow chemicals hollow fiber were items of discussion. Eco-Logic asked to be engaged by the District to review the vendor's engineering and economic analysis on the resident's behalf.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on Clean Filtration Technology- Pilot Program-

Jerry Breen provided staff and board members with diagrams on the layout of the proposed tertiary treatment plant. As listed under field manager's report discussion on progress of pilot program was listed there. Jerry stated that if there were any questions from the Board or staff he would be happy to answer them.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Continued-

Update on Rossi Sewer Project-

Staff had sent Mr. Rossi a letter stating that the videos sent in on his line were not acceptable. CCWD staff went over the tapes and had unanswered questions. According to Vince Bowers of CCWD the lines contained standing water, staff suspected a sag in the line. The recommendations were to re-tv the line. District staff flushed out the lines with 250 gallons of water after the report to check the flows.

This item will be carried over.

Update on Forest Service Agreement-

No new updates, District staff will be working on extending permits.

Update on RWQCB-Jim Marshall, Correspondence-

Bill Perley working on this update.

Discussion and Possible Board Action on point of interest from F&M Bank on assisting District with Financing Loan to the District for Tertiary Treatment Facilities and / or LLC-

Director Neth and President Dave Ritchie met with F&M Bank in Lodi on the 13th of January, 2009. F&M Bank is interested in a loan to the District at 5% to 6%, 10 years beginning 10/01/09 when the credit line time is up and roll the credit line into a loan. F&M Bank is also interested in a loan to the District for \$2.6 million dollars for the tertiary plant, at 5% or 6% beginning when the District would need it. This would be a 20 year loan. They are working up a proposal for the district. This item will be carried over.

Discussion and Possible Board Action on Tertiary Facilities & Lease Purchase-

No new information. This item will be carried over.

Discussion and Possible Board Action on Budget worksheet for 2009-2010-

Board members were provided in their packet a draft of the 2009-2010 budget. Tia White explained to the Board that there are a few area's that still have to be gone over again, wages and reporting and monitoring. Board members will have the draft to help work in the Tertiary Treatment Facility into the Budget. This item will be carried over.

Discussion and Possible Board Action on Terms & Conditions document drafted by Bill Perley-This item will be carried over, Director Bissell stated it needs more additions.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on Economic Stimulus Package & Stimulus Package meeting, RWQCB, January 22, US EPA- Board Member President Dave Ritchie is planning on attending this meeting. Bill Perley interim General Manager is also attending. This meeting will help small districts like ours find alternative financing to meet the needs on updating the infrastructure of our plant operations to Tertiary Treatment. This item will be carried over.

Discussion and Possible Board Action on Recommendations for Tertiary Treatment Facilities from General Manager, Bill Perley-

Since Bill Perley could not attend January's Regular Board Meeting this item will be carried over.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS & COMMENTS:

Board members will schedule the Regular Board meeting for February 23, 2009 President Ritchie asked if the Accounts Payable would be affected. Tia White didn't think so but would go over the bills and get back to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Director Davis and seconded by Director Neth the Regular Board Meeting for January 19, 2009 was adjourned. All in Favor.

**APPROVED BY; _____
Board Secretary**

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