

BLUE LAKE SPRINGS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
Minutes of the 9th Interim Meeting
Blue Lake Springs, Arnold, California
Saturday, February 14th, 2015 9:00am

CALL TO ORDER:

At 9:04am the meeting was called to order. Directors present were Steve Alberts, Robert Maginnis, Dave Owen, Tom Schneider, Sharon Tobias, Paul Penney and George Paul; General Manager Hicks, Administrative Operations Manager Lee Schmedes, Assistant Project Manager Kris Morris and General Counsel Michael Minkler were also in attendance. Absent was Accounts Manager Nhu Bergstrom.

Several guests were present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

8th Interim Meeting of January 10, 2015:

With no additions or deletions, the Minutes of the January 10, 2015 meeting will stand as printed.

00:00:10

DISCUSSION OF MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA:

GM Hicks presented a Commendation Certificate to Watermasters William Heinle and Tyler Mayo for outstanding achievement in locating, reporting and fighting a wild land fire near the Blue Lake Springs Subdivision on January 30th, 2015. Both Heinle and Mayo's quick response avoided loss of property and possible spread throughout the subdivision.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Grant Writers:

John Pedry, Professional Engineer from MC Engineering introduced the firm would like to work with the water company to identify possible grants and loans for future projects as outlined in the BLSMWC Master Capital Improvement Plan. Pedry mentioned Prop 1 – Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (AB 1471) monies will be available in May and will start accepting applications in June. A workshop will take place in May and is available to the public. MC Engineering will submit an application for Prop 1 funds and continue to research and identify other sources of financing (i.e. other grants and loans).

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FINANCIAL REPORTS:

January 2015 Balance Sheet & Income/Expense Statements:

Treasurer Schneider reported January 2015 Balance Sheet and Income/Expense Statements.

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MANAGER'S REPORT:

Water Production/Consumption/Drought:

GM Hicks reported January's water production and consumption. There was a small spike of usage last month due to the holidays, resulting in lower savings. GM Hicks recommended we stay in Drought Stage 2 and continue conservation efforts.

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Installation of Well #2 Meter:

GM Hicks reported a new meter was installed at White Pines Well #2 per the State Water Resources Control Board.

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Water Agreement with CCWD:

GM Hicks and GS Minkler attended a meeting with David Eggerton, General Manager of CCWD and CCWD's Legal Counsel on Friday to discuss the water purchase agreement. Eggerton mentioned a proposal will be presented before our next board meeting. President Maginnis stated the response letter from David Eggerton will be discussed in executive session.

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PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Well Exploration:

Director Alberts reported on the current status of the bid process for Well #4. Alberts is working with Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers to repost the bid on the Builder's Exchange without additional charges from the engineering firm. Treasurer Schneider reported a meeting took place with the owner of Site LX and they are satisfied with the potential well location.

UWPA:

Director Alberts is still working with the engineers from L&SCE to establish a feasibility study.

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COMMITTEES:

Long Range / Strategic Planning Committee:

Treasurer Schneider discussed grant possibilities and loans for future projects.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Website:

AOM Schmedes reported website statistics for January 2015.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Office Building:

APM Morris discussed the current plans for the new BLSMWC office building. The rental contract with RaboBank is expiring in May 2016 and we currently have a permit to install the septic system expiring April 2015. Total initial costs include \$500 to the Forest Service, \$9,000 for tree/stump removal and \$7,400 for septic system installation. Staff will request an extension on the permit and the Board will revisit the matter next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

HWY 4 Coordinating Committee:

President Maginnis presented a letter from Dennis Mills, Director of CCWD asking the water company to participate in a Highway 4 committee on the use of water. GM Hicks and two other representatives will attend the meeting regularly.

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Motion was made by VP Owen to elect two directors as representatives of BLSMWC to attend and participate in the Highway 4 Coordinating Committee. Seconded by Treasurer Schneider. 7-0 Motion Passes.

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ACTION ITEMS REPORT:

No report.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made at 11:07am.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting reconvened at 12:45pm.

Treasurer Schneider will act as the Election Chairman for the BLSMWC 2015 Call for Candidates.

Motion was made by Treasurer Schneider to move forward with MC Engineering to pursue grant/loan funding contingent upon write ups and approximate cost estimates. Seconded by Secretary Tobias. 7-0 Motion Passes.

Motion was made by Director Alberts to terminate an agreement with potential well site CU. Seconded by Director Paul. 7-0 Motion Passes.

Motion was made by Director Paul to authorize Treasurer Schneider to review and approve the 2014 Year End Audit by Ebbetts Pass Accounting. Seconded by Director Owen. 7-0 Motion Passes.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Nhu Bergstrom, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by Lee Schmedes, Administrative Operations Manager
Summarized from digital recording of the meeting

APPROVED: March 14, 2015