

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, February 20, 2025**

**1. OPEN SESSION**

President Brewster opened the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 1:00 PM at the Big Bear Municipal Water District located at 40524 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 on Thursday February 20, 2025.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Ludecke, Director  
Bob Rehfuß, Director  
Craig Brewster, President  
Mark Lee, Director  
Tom Bradford, Vice President

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Craig Brewster

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Before moving to the public, President Brewster wanted to clarify something said at the last Board meeting that was not correct before starting the meeting. BBARWA has not certified their EIR yet, they plan to do that at their next meeting.

No comments from the public in attendance.

**4. REPORTS**

A. Jared Cheek reported about the Mountain Mutual aid meeting, lake improvement and ops meeting, lake patrol attending the Inland Boating Operator training, staff met with the financial software team. Watched the City meeting where they discussed the lake, without us there. However, Sam Fuller was there to present, and I wanted to touch on the portion of that meeting where Sam discussed the lake with and without the in-lieu agreement. Mr. Cheek showed a couple slides to indicate what Mr. Fuller was depicting at that meeting.

B. Mike Stephenson expanded on these slides to show the effects of Replenish program water vs what In-lieu has given us; it's actually less water coverage than we would think. After 44 years comparing the two, the in-lieu is a significantly better deal. Sam Fuller did a great job at the presentation, and he reiterated what we have been saying for the last eight years. Mr. Stephenson showed another graph, which demonstrates how much of an improvement the new outlet gates have made. We got to recognize the benefits of these gates working properly during the last rainstorm and they closed automatically. The valves ended up closing completely for a full 24 hours because it accounts for all the side flows, snow melt, runoff, and now is slowly opening back up as those flows slow down. We have saved over 30-acre feet in just one storm event. That's huge.

President Brewster asked if the old gates would have stayed open during the last storm, and Mr. Stephenson confirmed, yes, we would have just seen increased flow over what our requirement is

then without the storm. We are still sitting less open than we were prior to the storm. Mr. Stephenson wanted to thank David for recognizing that the MWD saved his project in the beginning. Comment for Jessica, I said that we, meaning us and Mutual can store water, not just MWD. We gained 6 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Probe was just recalibrated, now we are again measuring digitally so we are making sure the recalibration is perfect. Not a problem, we just didn't experience enough movement prior to this.

C. President Brewster reported that Lake Improvement committee discussed the Countin' Carp program special prizes and added a youth division. Ops committee reviewed lake events, all redo events, but minor changes to dates or locations, but otherwise the events are the same. Director Bradford added that the Fishin for 50K will hopefully move to May to fill the May trout classic spot.

#### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on February 6, 2025.
- B. Warrant List dated 2/14/2025 in the amount of \$16,606.67.
- C. Special Event Permit – Fishin' for 50K.
- D. Special Event Permit – LakeFest.
- E. Special Event Permit – Labor Day Drone Show.
- F. Special Event Permit – TroutFest (date change only)
- G. Visboon LLC proposal for 2025 MWD Dispatch Magazine not to exceed \$6,988 includes tax and shipping.

#### **Discussion:**

No comments were made.

With a motion made by Director Ludecke, and seconded by Director Bradford, the consent calendar, was approved unanimously:

AYES: Ludecke, Reh fuss, Brewster, Lee, Bradford

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

#### **6. BUSINESS**

- A. Required AB 1234 Ethics Training for Board members and managers presented by BBK Law group.

#### **Discussion:**

This is a two-year training required by public officials and management level employees. Albert Maldonado from BB&K is here to complete the training per California requirements.

No vote needed – Information ONLY

#### **7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

N/A

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Cheek announced that he will be out of the office on Monday & Tuesday.

**9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**


President Brewster thanked staff for mugs. Director Rehfuss was thankful for Sam Fuller presenting the effects that the in-lieu has had. Director Ludecke shared that feedback from the meeting with the City was that no one understands the in-lieu program and they are even more confused now than before the meeting. The confusion was the counsel continuing to ask, so "we have to pay for it?" and no, MWD has to pay for it. Mutual owns the water, we manage it and own the top level. Director Rehfuss thanked Albert for completing the training it was the best one we have had.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Date: March 6, 2025  
Location: 40524 Lakeview Drive  
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315  
Time: 1:00 PM



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Brittany Lamson, Assistant General Manager  
Secretary to the Board of Directors of  
Big Bear Municipal Water District

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