

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
BIG BEAR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025**

**1. OPEN SESSION**

Vice President Bradford 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 October 16, 2025.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tom Bradford

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

No comments made.

**4. REPORTS**

- A. Jared Cheek, General Manager, reported that we had a public outreach opportunity where staff educated Big Bear scout troop 49 on fishing habits and laws. In addition, staff provided the scouts with a fishing experience at the East Ramp. They all had a good time, and it was a good experience for staff as well. He mentioned that CalPERS held an educational forum with a Q&A segment that Staff also attended. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> the shock boat was delivered. Over the next two weeks, we will have an orientation that includes operator use so we can prepare to use it heading into next season. We received some rain this week amounting to 2.11" at the dam and 1.00" at the office. Was not significant enough to contribute to the lake level. We have been receiving updates on the new work boat and are expecting to receive delivery by January. Current launch counts are 7,945 from the East Ramp and 1,337 from the West Ramp, totaling 9,282 current. Lake level is 8' 9" down from full.
- B. Vice President Bradford explained that the lake improvement committee met about shoreline maintenance at the request of Mr. Cooke yesterday although Mr. Cooke was not present at the meeting. We will continue to do what we have been doing but concentrate on getting people involved in the Clear and Grub permit. He stated that last season we received about five phone calls asking for directions on shoreline maintenance and once given guidance, they were not heard from again. The District will also contact landscape companies and inform them of what they can use for shoreline cleanup. The clear and grub permitting process was clarified as submitting a plan for review, paying the \$500 fee, followed by an onsite inspection and end of season review. This is an annual permit.

Larry Cooke, Big Bear resident asked if the area covered by the permit was limited to the property line extensions. Director Ludecke responded yes, but if Mr. Cooke has something else in mind that he should submit plans to see where the discussion goes. When Mr. Cooke was asked what was stopping him from taking care of the vegetation in front of his property right now by hiring a landscape company or performing the work himself, Mr. Cooke responded that he feels the District should take on this responsibility.

Erin Davies, new lakefront homeowner, asked if it is typical for homeowners to make the request of removing soil from the shoreline. Director Rehfuss responded, only if they are interested in creating depth for your dock. He continued the District has streamlined this process for lakefront homeowners by securing the Clear and Grub permit. This allows homeowners to start work almost immediately and take advantage of the exposed shoreline during lower lake levels. Regarding vegetation, you can do regular maintenance with hand tools at any time without needing a permit. The District does not have the resources to clear the entire shoreline of vegetation.

With a motion made by Director Ludecke and seconded by Director Rehfuss, **item 6B** was moved up for discussion.

**Business:**

**B. Presenting 2025 Countin' Carp Winners.**

**Discussion:**

Mr. Cheek stated that we have some Countin' Carp winners here today to accept their reward. Vice President Bradford presented the checks to the winners. He said that he really enjoys seeing the kids outdoors and participating in the tournament. The winners in attendance were Ryan Dunn, Andrew Mack, Jim Teel, Brayden Black and Kyle Sage represented by his father.

No Vote-Presentation Only

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Minutes of a Regular Meeting on October 2, 2025.
- B. Warrant List dated 10/13/25 in the amount of \$98,602.42.

**Discussion:**

No comments were made.

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

AYES: Ludecke, Rehfuss, Lee, Bradford

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

**6. BUSINESS**

A. The General Manager recommends Resolution 2025-09, a Resolution to allow the District to accept funds and authorize a signatory from the State of California-Natural Resources Agency, Department of

Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways from our recently awarded Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant FY2025/26.

**Discussion:**

The Board asked where the AED's will be placed. Mr. Cheek responded, they are for the patrol boats. It was pointed out that Attest signature line on the resolution was changed from President Brewster to Vice President Bradford.

With a motion made by Director Ludecke and seconded by Director Lee, Resolution 2025-09, which is a resolution to allow the District to accept funds and authorize a signatory from the State of California-Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways from our recently awarded Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant FY2025/26 was approved unanimously:

AYES: Ludecke, Rehfluss, Lee, Bradford

NO: -

ABSTAIN: -

**7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

N/A

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

N/A

**9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Ludecke commented that he has heard from a couple individuals regarding the Countin' Carp tournament and they shared they miss attending the Carp Round-up tournament. He's suggesting that we consider expanding the Countin' Carp tournament to include a special weekend mini tournament. Mr. Cheek stated that the tournament currently includes bonus weekends with special giveaways. Director Ludecke also asked to consider expanding the drop-off times. Mr. Cheek stated that we are still gathering data related to the tournament to see what changes could be made for next year. Bradford made the point that the Countin' Carp tournament offers a wide range of dates and times to participate throughout the season. Director Rehfluss thanked Mr. Davies for coming in and sharing his input.

With there being no public comment from the public in attendance, Vice President Bradford adjourned the regular meeting into closed session at 1:39PM.

**10. CLOSED SESSION:**

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9): Case No. CIVSB2100204

The Board reconvened to open session at 1:45PM, Counsel Lemieux reported out of closed session, the Board met during closed session, conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9): Case No. CIVSB2100204, and the board unanimously approved a settlement in the amount of \$975,000 in exchange for a full release of all claims. No party admits fault or liability. This concludes counsels closed session report.

**11. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47PM.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Date: November 06, 2025  
Location: 40524 Lakeview Drive  
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315  
Time: 1:00 PM



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Catrina Rabago, Accountant 1 for  
Big Bear Municipal Water District

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