

MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2020
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT MEMBERS: BryAnna Vaughan, President
Gary Doyel, Vice-President
Bob Steele, Board Member
Dave Allen, Board Member
Walt Sharer, Board Member

OTHERS: Larry Frielich
Aaron Steinwand, Dir. Inyo County Water Dept.
Dave Tanksley, Contractor
Bobbie Lovig, Secretary

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: BryAnna Vaughan, President, called the meeting of the Big Pine Community Services District to order on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & PUBLIC HEARING: There were no public comments.

MINUTES: Dave Allen moved and Walt Sharer seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 16, 2019. Motion carried.

BILLS AND WARRANTS: Gary Doyel moved and Bob Steele seconded a motion to approve the bills and warrants incurred from November 15, through January 7, 2020. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Inyo County Auditor's Office regarding request for audit document for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2018 and 2019.
2. State of California Employment Development Department regarding AS5 Employees or Independent Contractors. (See New Business #3 for discussion.

Before the Old Business BryAnna asked Larry Frielich to give his presentation on the Water Recycle project. It was a PowerPoint with explanation and discussion with Aaron Steinwand also attending. The final conclusion is that the project is not going forward due to Indian Artifacts discovery as well as the non-participation of IADWP.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Report and Updates from McMurtrie-Tanksley.** Dave Tanksley was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.
2. **Motion to adopt a new policy addition for emergency funds for new hydrants.** Dave and BryAnna will get together to write the new policy. This item is tabled to the February or March meeting.
3. **Groundwater Monitoring Plan (OVGA) Update - BryAnna Vaughan**
 - a. BryAnna said the Mission Statement is completed and the funding for the feasibility study is approved.
 - b. The Ad-Hoc Board is up and running.
4. **IRWMP Report -** BryAnna asked if a board member would attend the IRWMP meeting next month on February 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the Bishop City Chamber office. Bob Steele and Gary Doyle said they would attend.
5. **Any updates on water recycling project with Larry Frielich - see notes below Correspondence.**
6. **Discussion of the benefits of CSDA (California Special Districts) membership (\$1,112.00 for 2020.)** Board member Walt Sharer researched, compiled and presented the list of benefits to the Board and there was a discussion. As the dues are paid for 2020, the Board will decide if the benefits are worth the fee next year because Inyo County provides many of the items on the list which includes trainings, legal updates and seminars and webinars.
7. **Any updates from Stan Smith on the rent situation with selling the building.** Bobbie reported she hasn't heard anything from Stan and the building is still for sale. If it's not sold by June 30, 2020, the rent should be renegotiated with the Stouts to exclude the extra space.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SB998 Water Service Discontinuation in California Revision/ Updating policies in effect April 1, 2020.** The Board read the Senate Bill and there was a discussion. Bobbie will update the letter to delinquent customers and check the policy on the website for updating.
2. **Discussion and motion regarding CPI Charges.** As fees and assessment should be renewed every five years, the Board decided the CPI charges won't be raised again until a Town Hall Meeting.

3. Discussion and possible motion on EDD requirements for Independent Contractors.

- a. This was discussed at length and it was decided to let the Board study the document from EDD and get back to Bobbie on possible action to contact legal counsel regarding the matter as well as ask them about Ethics training and CPI charges.
- b. Tabled to the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Report from Dave Tanksley.
2. Fire Hydrant issues and related policies
3. OVGA updates.
4. IRWMP report.
5. EDD requirements for Independent Contractor.
6. Contacting Legal Counsel regarding Ethics Training and CPI charges.

OTHER: Updates or concerns from Bobbie
Closed meeting, if needed.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by President, BryAnna Vaughan at 7:55 p.m.

Signed:

Bobbie Lovig, Secretary