

Bear Mountain Water District

Minutes-Public Meeting 9/24/25

Meeting at Chelan Fire Station commenced 1:00pm

Present:

Dale Watkins, Jim Batdorf, Kevin Palmer, Ben Behrle, Tim Rizzo, Doug Willcox, Marc Marquis,

The prior minutes from 8/27/25 were approved, no corrections noted.

1) HM/HR Generator Discussion

- a) HM/HR HOA Letter still not received, apparently sent to Shop address—no mail delivery
- b) Provided Steve Herman our correct mailing address
- c) Dale will call HOA (Steve Herman) when letter is received

2) DOH/WSP

- a) Ben and John Torrence (CDI) met Friday, 10/10 at CDI Conference Room
- b) Sheri Miller, DOH PE, sent letter about possibly fast tracking part of the WSP to facilitate BMWD's ability to issue new connections for potential new customers
- c) Tim working on Chapters 8 and 9, the financial reporting and capital expenditure section
- d) DOH provided a source for abridged reporting assistance
- e) \$66,730 has been paid to date to Complete Design

3) Rate Tiers-HM/HR Water Usage

- a) Discussion of Doug's ongoing review of a possible 4th Tier rate structure for high volume users
This summer, there are about 6-8 high volume users in Bandera that would fall into the proposed 4th tier
- b) Summary of revenue increases on current (Aug) volumes at new 4th Tier rates. New tier would have yielded a 34% revenue increase in August if the new 4th Tier was in effect

4) 2026 Budget

- a) Preliminary 2026 has previously been sent to Commissioners for review
- b) Budget (leading to 2026 Rates) to be reviewed 10/15 at Board Work Session
- c) Letter received from Ken Linderman (Even Keel Roadhouse) discussing commercial rates and his desire for rate relief. Discussion—hard to lower rates in environment of increasing costs
Marc to write response to letter.

5) Maintenance/Upgrade Status

- a) Motion approved to perform upgrade at Bear Mountain Pumphouse, per ITC Bid 6559, work to be done for \$60K plus WSST. Ben provided pictures of current conditions
- b) Needed pest control at WTP—Ben is not getting return calls scheduling work

Financial Report

1) Financial Statements

- a) **Revenues** on BMWD Mgmt. Statement were \$64,384 for August 2025 and \$463,146 YTD
- b) **BMWD Operating Income** (before Depr and Interest) was \$34,627 for August 2025 and \$236,427 YTD
- c) Total **BMWD Book Surplus** was \$12,661 for August 2025 and \$32,060 YTD (incl Interest + Depreciation)
- d) YTD Revenues were \$48,894 over Budget, August 2025 YTD Operating Expenses are \$15,772 under Budget YTD. Operating Surplus (before Interest and Depreciation) was \$64,666 greater than Budget.
- e) Overall Net Deficit was \$76,494 less than Budget
- f) Segment Operating Statements were also presented.
- g) Balance Sheet \$516,417 in Cash, A/R \$138,114 , CIP \$229,655

h) Current Liabilities \$41,977, LT Debt \$1,462,461 Equities \$2,659,003

2) Next Commissioner Work Session to be October 15th, 1:00pm

Meeting Adjourned 3:15pm

Next Meeting 1:00pm 10-22-25 at Chelan Fire Station

Tim Rizzo, Secretary