

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2020
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 a.m., Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center,
500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Marilyn Kirkpatrick, President
Jim Gibson, Vice President
Larry Brown
Justin Jones
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom
Lawrence Weekly

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Dave Johnson, Doa Ross, Greg Walch, Dan Gerrity

Unless otherwise indicated, all members present voted in the affirmative.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

ITEM NO.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve the agenda and the minutes from the regular meeting of July 7, 2020. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 3 are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Director requests that an item be taken separately.

- 2. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an amendment between Atkins North America, Inc., and the District to revise the scope of the waterline design for the water main replacements in Charleston Boulevard, Fremont Street, Maryland Parkway and Eastern Avenue for an increased amount of \$40,000, resulting in a total amount not to exceed \$267,568.**
- 3. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign a real property purchase agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the District for the sale of a portion of the future Rome Reservoir site for the amount of \$32,981, and authorize the General Manager to sign the Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed, Temporary Construction Easement, and any ministerial documents necessary to effectuate the transaction.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 4. Award a contract for trench backfill and final paving needed to complete work in The Dales Subdivision to Byrd Underground, LLC, for the amount of \$4,579,592, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$916,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the construction agreement.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Jones to award the contract. The motion was approved.

- 5. Award a bid for cab and chassis trucks to Idaho Truck Specialties LLC dba Cobalt Truck Equipment and McCandless International Truck, Inc.; authorize purchases on the bid for an estimated combined amount of \$1,574,349 in the first year and a contingency increase of 5 percent per year for each annual renewal term; authorize annual bid renewals for up to four additional one-year terms; and authorize the General Manager to sign the purchase agreement.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to award the bid. The motion was approved.

- 6. Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant proposal seeking \$1,000,000 to the Bureau of Reclamation’s WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for Fiscal Year 2021.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Jones to approve staff’s recommendations. The motion was approved.

- 7. Determine that the proposed changes to the Service Rules affecting reimbursement rates for developers for oversized main extensions and new meter costs are not likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business; consider and approve the attached business impact statement; and direct staff to set a public hearing for possible adoption of the proposed Service Rule changes for September 1, 2020.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to set the public hearing for September 1, 2020 and approve staff’s recommendations regarding the business impact statement. The motion was approved.

- 8. Receive an update from staff on the current status and potential applications of wastewater surveillance and epidemiology in Southern Nevada.**

Dan Gerrity, Principal Research Laboratory Scientist for the Southern Nevada Water Authority (Authority), gave a presentation on wastewater surveillance in Southern Nevada, focusing on monitoring the genetic fingerprint of SARS-CoV-2 in untreated and treated wastewater. He discussed the goals of the research, initial findings and the potential benefits to the community of continuing the surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 genetic material in wastewater.

President Kirkpatrick mentioned a few specific dates where COVID-19 infection numbers increased significantly in Southern Nevada and asked how clinical testing relates to research found in this study. Mr. Gerrity stated that the concentrations of what the Southern Nevada Health District reports and the findings in this research are on differing scales. He also stated that the wastewater data is unbiased compared to the clinical testing which may be influenced by lag times or asymptomatic cases.

Director Segerblom asked if this information can be targeted by zip codes to uncover specific hot spots in the valley. Mr. Gerrity stated that, in theory, it is possible, but there is still work and research that needs to be done to get to that point. Dave Johnson, Deputy General Manager of Operations, stated that the Authority is in the process of developing a plan to expand and broaden the sampling capacity to the five major wastewater treatment facilities in Clark County. President Kirkpatrick recommended adding a research and development component to the plan as funding will need to be secured in order to better support and implement this research.

Vice President Gibson stated that this is an extraordinary opportunity in order to be more accurate in predictions made and in the assessment of where resources are required.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Margaret Ann Coleman spoke about water quality.

Eric Morris, Director of Construction for Merge Inc., submitted a comment to be included in the minutes. His comment is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

From: [Eric Morris](#)
To: [&Agendas](#); [&PublicComment](#)
Cc: [Construction](#); [Kean Thomas](#)
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Permit/Approved Listing BD20-13927: Submitted for sign off 4/1/2020, still pending (for submittal to 8/4/2020 board meeting agenda)
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020 9:31:29 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

To Las Vegas Valley Water District Board and Management, this comment, inquiry is being presented by Merge Inc, the GC for the project discussed here, on behalf of our client The Terra Cotta Villas Apartments at 4080 W Twain Ave, Las Vegas, in hopes of getting a reasonable and actionable response regarding a required sign off for a building permit that was submitted back on April 1st. We have a building renovation / restoration permit pending with the Clark County Building Department that has been approved for issuance (**Permit/Approved Listing BD20-13927**) pending water district signoff since April 1st, there are no added fixtures, just restoration of fire damage with renovation to clubhouse/ leasing center. Several attempts to communicate with the water district have been made by phone and email with no eta or detailed response regarding the excessive delay affecting the review and sign off of these plans.

This is the last and only email response:

From: Michelle Ramirez <Michelle.Ramirez@lvvwd.com> on behalf of Project Support Team <Project.SupportTeam@lvvwd.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Helen Lee <helen@mergeinc.com>; Project Support Team <Project.SupportTeam@lvvwd.com>
Subject: RE: Permit Clearance - BD19-13927

Hello Helen,

We have received your Bldg Permit sign-off request as of 9 April 2020 and apologize for the delay with this. Please be advised that due to the abundance of Bldg Permits we are receiving on a daily basis, we are exceeding our 6-8 business day time-line, but are working diligently to review and sign them off as quick as possible.

We appreciate your patience and understanding with us. Thank you so much.

Very Respectfully,

Engineering Services – Project Support Team

LVVWD IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

From: Helen Lee <helen@mergeinc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Project Support Team <Project.SupportTeam@lvvwd.com>
Subject: {EXTERNAL} Permit Clearance - BD19-13927

Hello,

Randy Barnes from RBA Architecture had sent in plans for review for clearance (permit BD19-13927) in early April and I wanted to confirm it was received, as it's been close to two months. The total number of fixtures went down for this scope. Thank you!

Helen Lee
323.480.7160

This was the response received on June 10, 2020, and we are now into August with no update or reason for this delay provided. We would greatly appreciate an actionable or detailed response so we can assist if additional information is needed for determination, or to at least give ourselves the ability to plan for project start, and our client some insight as to how long their property will be closed and non-functional to their tenants for space included in their rent fees.

This comment, inquiry is being submitted in the hopes this is an oversight, or clerical error and can be remedied in quick fashion when brought to the attention of management directly, since numerous phone and email attempts have not been effective.

Again, any updates, and / or assistance with this ongoing challenge would be appreciated by Merge Inc and its client Pinnacle Property Management.(Terra Cotta Villas Apartments)

Thank you,

Eric Morris
Director of Construction



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