

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 3, 2022
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:01 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
Justin Jones
William McCurdy II
Ross Miller
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom

STAFF PRESENT: John Entsminger, Dave Johnson, Doa Ross, Greg Walch

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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There were no members from 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 April 5, 2022. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 4 are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Director requests that an item be taken separately.

- 2. Approve and authorize the President to sign an amendment and renewal to the existing agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the District for water facilities located at Children’s Memorial Park through 2052, with an option to renew for an additional 30-year term.**
- 3. Approve and authorize the General Manager or his designee to sign a line extension agreement between Nevada Power Company dba NV Energy and the District to construct an electrical power service line for the Centennial 2635 Zone Reservoir and 2745 Zone Pumping Station in an amount not to exceed \$81,621, and authorize the General Manager or designee to sign future agreements in substantially the same form as attached hereto that do not to exceed \$100,000.**
- 4. Approve and authorize the General Manager or his designee to sign Amendment No.1 to Grants for Water Conservation and Capital Improvements Agreement GP2105 between the State of Nevada and the District for the Blue Diamond Water System rehabilitation efforts; accept grant funding in the amount of \$3,748,050; and authorize the General Manager or his designee to sign future modifications that do not fiscally impact the District.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 5. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between HDR Engineering, Inc., and the District to provide professional design engineering services for the Valley View Campus Central Chiller Plant Project in an amount not to exceed \$131,279.**

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

6. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Westwood Professional Services, Inc., and the District to provide professional engineering design services for the Springs Preserve Cienega Phase II Project for an amount not to exceed \$478,126.**

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

7. **Award a contract to construct the Cougar 3090 Zone Reservoir to MMC, Inc., in the amount of \$29,591,757, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the construction agreement.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved, with an abstention from Director Jones as his law firm represents MMC, Inc.

8. **Award a contract to construct the Cougar 3090 Zone Reservoir Inlet/Outlet Pipeline to TAB Contractors, Inc., for the amount of \$9,382,905, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$900,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the construction agreement.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved, with an abstention from Director Jones as his law firm represents TAB Contractors, Inc.

9. **Approve and authorize the General Manager or his designee to sign the Joinder Agreement between SHI International Corp. and the District for utilization of the National Association of the State Purchasing Officers' ValuePoint Software Contract with Microsoft Corporation for volume licensing of software products, cloud services and support in an amount not to exceed \$6,283,300 for the period from August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2025, and authorize the General Manager or his designee to sign associated ministerial agreements necessary to effectuate the Joinder Agreement.**

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Daniel Braisted, Las Vegas, acknowledged and thanked the District for swiftly removing graffiti at one of its pumping stations.

Bob Gomperz, Silverstone Ranch HOA Board of Directors, read from a letter expressing displeasure about one of the District's internal operational policies concerning property leaks. His drafted letter is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Copies of all original agenda items and minutes, including all attachments, are on file in the General Manager's office at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 South Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Public Comment provided by Bob Gomperz, received on 5/3/22 and included in the minutes as required by Nevada's Open Meeting Law

Chairperson Kirkpatrick, General Manager Entsminger, members of the board, thank you for allowing me to speak to you about changing one of your internal operation policies during this critical drought. My name is Bob Gomperz and I am on the Silverstone Ranch HOA board of directors.

On March 11th our management company received a phone call from a resident hiking on the shuttered golf course and reported they witnessed water pouring out of the building that once was the golf course teaching facility. While the HOA does not own the course nor that building, we are very sensitive about water waste, especially during the drought. Staff immediately contacted Las Vegas Valley Water District and reported the leak. Three days later another observer called and reported that the leak had now grown, water was pooling around the exterior of the building and a sound like a shower running was heard. Staff made another call to the district and this time was told that before your staff could intervene, the property owner had to be notified by mail. This property is owned by a one person corporation who lives in California and has no other property in Nevada. He hasn't paid a water bill, power bill, gas or property tax bill in more than six years. He is currently in bankruptcy protection.

On or about March 15 an exasperated HOA staff along with the president of the HOA, knowing my professional background with water agencies, asked if I could assist in trying to resolve this matter. Since contact with the water district wasn't fruitful, I contacted television consumer advocate reporter Darcy Spears.

About a week later, on March 22nd, I received an unsolicited phone call from the water district's public information office. The gentleman wanted to know how he could be of assistance. I described the problem in detail and was told that the property owner would have to be contacted. He said he would follow up with me once he knew more. Two days later I received an email from him which in part said, "I can tell you we created an emergency work order to send a tech out there to investigate and that outreach has been made to the property owner." I thanked him, thinking that the problem was solved.

More than a week later the HOA received another report of water flowing around the structure. This time, I decided to hike to the site to see for myself and to try to uncover a valve or anything to stem the flow of water. I couldn't locate one. But I did notice a small lake building in the desert behind the structure. We are now at April 9 and my exasperation had reached its limits. I called an acquaintance who works for the water district hoping he could help me to get a response. He suggested and gave me the number to your security department and, sure enough, they did answer. I described the situation to the dispatcher and he sent an officer to the location. I met and talked with that officer who told me that a field tech was on his way. I went on with my day.

The next day, April 10 I called the security number to try to get a status update. The officer had no new information. So I went back to the site and saw that nothing had changed. Torrents of water were still coming through the baseboards of the building. I found an unlocked back door and waded into the ankle deep water. Following the sound of spraying water I discovered that

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the overhead fire suppression line had separated and was the source of the leak. Took pictures and a video, exited the building and called security back. They said there was nothing more they could do. That the water district's responsibilities stopped at the fire hydrant and I should call 311. I did and fifteen minutes later an engine company responded. I guided them on to the abandoned golf course and to the building. The firefighters went in, assessed the situation and started to search for a valve or a meter, anything to shut off the flow. After about 15 minutes they came across a side door that was locked. They pried it open with a crowbar and discovered a utility closet with a valve for the fire suppression system, in seconds the water flow was turned off.

I've since learned that building codes require a commercial structure like that to have a fire suppression system with the ability to deliver at least 30 gallons per minute. Based on that number and the fact that the leak was on going for a minimum of 31 days I calculated that water leaked at a rate of 1800 gallons per hour, 43,200 gallons per day, 1,339,200 gallons for the 31 days which is the equivalent of about 4.1 acre-feet of water. This is water that didn't go down a drain into a treatment plant and released into Lake Mead to later be recovered through our return flow credits program. This is 4 acre feet of water wasted into the desert sand and lost forever.

I'm asking you to please review your operational policies so that in case of an emergency leak you can respond immediately and turn off the water at the meter. That you don't need to seek the permission of an absentee, scofflaw owner to enter the property or get permission to turn off the meter. You are preaching drought conservation messages to Las Vegas consumers. But those messages ring hollow when the agency that is supposed to be the primary steward of this resource allows something like this to happen.

Thank you for your time.