

**Borrego Water District  
MINUTES  
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, May 13, 2013  
9:00 AM  
806 Palm Canyon Drive  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004**

**I. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**A. Call to Order:** President Hart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll Call:**     **Directors:**     **Present:** President Hart, Vice-President Lyle Brecht,  
Secretary/Treasurer Marshal Brecht, Delahay, Estep

**Staff:**           Jerry Rolwing, General Manager  
Greg Holloway, Operations Manager  
Diana Del Bono, Administrative Assistant  
Wendy Quinn, Recording Secretary

**Public:**           Ray Shindler                 Ray Bolanos

**D. Approval of Agenda:**   ***MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht approving the Agenda as corrected (delete the closed session).***

**E. Approval of Minutes:**

Special meeting of April 10, 2013

***MSC: L.Brecht/Estep approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 10, 2013 as written.***

Special Meeting of April 16, 2013

***MSC: L.Brecht/Estep approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 16, 2013 as corrected (add to Item II.A, fourth line from the bottom of Minutes page 1, Board package page 4, "Mr. Shindler indicated that the State Park was actually here first, long before the farmers.")***

Regular meeting of April 24, 2013

***MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2013 as corrected (amend Item II.C, fourth line from the bottom of the first paragraph, to read in part, ". . . in fiscal year 2015 we can go through another Proposition 218 process . . .")***

**F. Comments from Directors and Requests for Future Agenda Items:** None

**G. Comments from the Public and Requests for Future Agenda Items:** None

**H. Correspondence:** None

**II. CURRENT BUSINESS MATTERS**

**A. Discussion and possible approval of FY 2013-2014 Budget and proposed rate increase:** Director Lyle Brecht questioned the omission of a line item for the salt nutrient program, discussed previously. Jerry Rolwing explained that on researching the issue, he had not found any penalty for not participating. If this changes, he will come back to the Board for approval.

Mr. Rolwing confirmed that he would transmit the proposed notice of rate increases to the Board members prior to distribution to the ratepayers.

***MSC: L.Brecht/Estep approving the FY 2013-2014 budget and proposed rate increase as presented.***

**B. Update on University of California Irvine National Science Foundation Grant:** Director Lyle Brecht announced he would be meeting with the principals involved in the UCI NSF grant application on Friday. Director Estep asked about the chances of success. Director Lyle Brecht replied that others were competing, but we have team members who have successfully applied for NSF grants in the past and other funds are available from UCI if the application is not approved.

### **III. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Financial Reports - April 2013:** Director Lyle Brecht suggested investigating the possibility of amortizing the Viking Ranch debt, and Director Marshal Brecht concurred.

**B. General Manager/Operations Report:** Mr. Rolwing reported on his trip to Sacramento last week, where he met with Department of Water Resources representatives to discuss the Borrego Water Coalition and the studies by USGS and the Bureau of Reclamation. He also inquired about easing the regional requirements for IRWM and concentrating on our watershed. DWR was reluctant to reduce the area but receptive to phasing the project; start planning for the Borrego Valley basin and hopefully other agencies will join.

Mr. Rolwing announced that Casey Rodriguez has retired, and Cody Cox has obtained the necessary certification to replace him.

**C. Water and Wastewater Operations Report - April 2013:** Greg Holloway reported that Well 18 was experiencing significant vibrations, probably due to issues with the pump motor, and will require repairs but not to the extent recently completed on Well 11.

**D. Water Production/Use Records - April 2013:** The Water Production/Use Records were included in the Board package.

### **IV. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None

### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS & PROPOSALS**

#### Ad Hoc Committees

#### 1. Audit Committee

Director Lyle Brecht reported the Committee would be meeting with the auditors on May 31.

#### 2. Due-Diligence

Director Lyle Brecht reported that the Committee was investigating refinancing options for Viking Ranch and Well 12. He asked whether the other Board members wanted to be involved in the negotiations. After discussion, it was agreed that the Committee would bring the terms of any proposed agreement to the full Board before taking action.

#### 3. Strategic Planning Committee/IRWM

Director Lyle Brecht reported the Committee would be meeting with the NSF grant team on May 17 and the Borrego Water Coalition on May 16.

#### 4. Executive Committee

No report.

#### 5. Operations & Management Committee

Mr. Rolwing reported that the Committee was working on the 800 Tank and the Rams Hill RFP.

#### 6. Parks Committee

No report.

#### 7. Asset Ad Hoc Committee

No report.

8. Personnel Committee

President Hart reported that the Committee discussed layoffs with Lisa Foster and JPIA representatives.

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Rolwing reminded the Directors that there would be no more Board meetings in May.

**VII. CLOSED SESSION**

A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Cancelled.

**VIII. CLOSING PROCEDURE**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next Special Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for June 19, 2013 at the Borrego Water District. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for June 26, 2013 at the Borrego Water District.