

**Borrego Water District**  
**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2014**  
**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  
                          Wendy Quinn, Recording Secretary  
  
          Public:       Darby Burton                     Bill Burton  
                          Joe Tatusko                    Paul Nordman, Pepper Farm  
                          Jeannie Beck, *Borrego Sun*   Bill Berkley, Rams Hill  
                          Milt Caldwell
- D. Approval of Agenda: **MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht approving the Agenda as written.**
- E. Comments from Directors and Requests for Future Agenda Items: None
- F. Comments from the Public and Requests for Future Agenda Items: None

**II. CURRENT BUSINESS MATTERS**

- A. Discussion and possible action on updating the Groundwater Management Plan:
  - 1.       Review of studies and reports on Borrego Water District website  
          Jerry Rolwing reported he was still waiting for the USGS report. He had spoken with Claudia Faunt and reviewed the water quality element. Director Lyle Brecht requested a copy of the USGS protocol for review of the draft report by community experts.  
          Mr. Rolwing announced that all water quality analyses had been completed and a report will be on the next Agenda. This sampling is required by the County Department of Public Health for all public wells. President Hart asked that the report be included on the BWD website.  
          President Hart invited the Board's attention to the chart in the Board package, showing how Jan Naragon had organized the studies and reports already on the website. The Board agreed they would review future reports before including them on the site.
  - 2.       Discussion of stakeholder interview process  
          Mr. Rolwing reported that he had been contacting people in the community about participating in stakeholder interviews and had gotten positive responses. Ms. Naragon will conduct the interviews, which will consist of six questions. The goal is to learn what the stakeholders would like to see and what they know now. Ernie Loza and Martha Deichler will help to include the disadvantaged community.
  - 3.       Setting the agenda for the Town Hall meeting scheduled for March 27th  
          Mr. Rolwing announced that he had contacted USGS and the Bureau of Reclamation, and both agencies will make presentations at the Town Hall meeting. Mr. Rolwing will speak about the Groundwater Management Plan update, and Director Lyle Brecht will give a financial presentation. Information on the water credit program, tentatively from County representative Jim Bennett, may be included. A draft agenda will be available at the next Board meeting.

**B. Discussion and possible approval of Genus L.P. request for water credits on Pepper Farm property:** President Hart explained that the District needs to know how much water was used since oats were planted on the former pepper farm in 2008. Use of evapotranspiration figures and electric bills was suggested as a basis for estimating. Paul Nordman, the owner's representative, agreed to obtain sales records on the property from the County. The Asset Ad Hoc Committee will make a recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.

**C. Discussion of Rams Hill Agreement:** Mr. Rolwing reported that Dudek Engineering is working on the installation of transducers in the Rams Hill wells, as required by the agreement. Director Lyle Brecht announced that the T2/BWD agreement and President Hart's summary of its terms are on the BWD website. Bill Berkley said he was happy with the outcome of the negotiations and thanked Mr. Rolwing and others who participated.

**E. Discussion of potential agenda items for February 26th board meeting:** Agenda items for next week will include discussion of Paul Nordman's request for water credits to fallow the former pepper tree, now oat, farm; a presentation by JPIA regarding the District's insurance premium rebate as a result of its good safety record; a report on sewer conditions at La Casa Del Zorro; and a draft Town Hall meeting agenda. At the March workshop meeting, a list of District policies to be updated will be presented, and the timeline will be included as an agenda item rather than informational.

### **III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Timeline:** President Hart and Director Lyle Brecht made some written changes to the timeline and submitted them to staff. President Hart asked that similar items be grouped together, such as payments, contracts and budget.

### **IV. CLOSING PROCEDURE, Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for February 26, 2014 at the Borrego Water District.