

**MINUTES**  
**MCWA Board Meeting**  
**March 9, 2021 @ 11:30 a.m.**  
**The Dambar Steakhouse, 1960 E. Andy Devine Ave, Kingman, Arizona**  
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by MCWA Chairman Mark Clark at approximately 11:37 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

No flag was present. The pledge was not said.

B. Roll Call

Jamie Kelley took roll. Present were Chairman Clark, Vice-Chairman Chip Sherrill, board member Kingman Mayor Jenn Miles, board member Lake Havasu City Mayor Cal Sheehy was present by Zoom. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2020 and January 25, 2021 regular meetings  
December 8, 2020 and January 25, 2021 e-session meetings

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Vice-Chairman Sherril and seconded by board member Jenn Miles. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Agenda Modifications

Jamie Kelley requested the removal of agenda items IV and V as the information was not available due to a system breach in Kingman's electronic system. No objection was made.

IV. Approval of Expenses

Removed from the agenda.

V. Review and Acceptance of Financial Reports

Removed from the agenda.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action to:

A. Election of Officers (Chairman, Vice-chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer)

Vice-Chairman Chip Sherrill nominated Mark Clark to serve as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by board member Miles. Mark Clark was elected Chairman unanimously. Board member Miles nominated Chip Sherrill to serve as Vice-chairman. Board member Sheehy seconded the motion. Chip Sherrill was elected Vice-chairman unanimously. Vice-Chairman Sherrill nominated board member Miles to serve as Secretary Treasurer. Board member Sheehy seconded the nomination. Board member Miles was unanimously elected Secretary Treasurer.

B. Accept Audited Financial Report for FY 2020

Chairman Clark requested Tina Moline present this item. Ms. Moline advised the board the financial audit reflected no issues in the Authority's financial operations. Following the presentation, Vice Chairman Sherrill moved to accept the report. Board member Jen Miles seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C. Review alternatives to develop additional sources of water in times of shortage

Chairman Clark requested General Counsel Jamie Kelley address this item. Jamie Kelley advised the board that the Colorado River basin hydrology had not improved and a shortage declaration was imminent for 2022 and suggested the board should consider alternative sources for water in times of shortage. The board discussed alternatives proposed by counsel. The first alternative proposed was to contact MVIDD to see if a deal could be negotiated for either ICS or fallow with the municipalities. The ICS is currently under contract to the Bureau of Reclamation for \$195 an acre foot. Vice-Chairman Sherrill advised the farmers would like to receive \$250 an acre foot, the same price paid by the Bureau to the participating tribes. The second alternative proposed was to explore options for acquiring water from the Colorado River Indian Tribes or perhaps the Gila River Indian Community. Jamie Kelley advised the Gila River Indian Community had the authority to deliver water to 10 counties in Arizona. The board took no action.

D. Approve renewal of Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

Jamie Kelley presented the proposal for coverage to the board for its consideration. It was a renewal of the current coverage at \$2,146, a bit lower than last year's rate. Vice-Chairman Sherrill moved to renew the insurance and pay the premium. Board member Miles seconded the motion. The motion to renew the insurance passed unanimously.

E. Amend the 20-21 budget to move \$35,000 from contingency to lobbying/consultant category

Chairman Clark requested Ms. Moline address this item. Ms. Moline advised the board

the budget amendment was necessary to move \$35, 000 out of contingency into the consulting lobbying category so the Authority could pay Highground.

F. Establish dues and set budget for 2021-2022 year

Chairman Clark requested Ms. Moline present on this matter. Ms. Moline reviewed the projected annual budgets and dues. She responded to questions from board members on the binding import of the 5 year projections. She confirmed the projections were just projections and were not to be approved at the meeting. Following discussion, Vice-Chairman Chip Sherrill moved to set the dues for Bullhead City and Lake Havasu City at \$40,000 each , Golden Shores Water Conservaton District at \$2,000, Mohave County at \$4,000 and MVIDD and MWCD at \$9,000 and to adopt the proposed budget for 2021-2022 as presented.

VII. Updates and Discussion

A. Legislative Update - Jeff Kros, Highground

Jeff Kros appeared by telephone to discuss water legislation proposed this session.

B. MSP

Jamie Kelley advised all is well with MSP. The last meeting was a presentation on the budget.

C. Recovery/CAWED

The RAG has completed its stakeholder process. At the last meeting, ADAR and CAWED introduced revisions pertaining to notices to be given relative to recovery and the timing of those notices. The notice process starts three years out. A joint presentation by ADAR and CAWED will be made the end of March on recovery and how it will work.

D. Arizona Water Bank Report

Chairman Mark Clark advised the board he had been appointed to another six year term. He advised the bank was scheduled to meet March 17.

E. Colorado River System

1. Lake Mead and Lake Powell Levels
2. Drought Contingency Plan

The Chairman reviewed the tea cup diagrams and advised of current lake

elevations/capacity.

F. Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council

Jamie Kelley reported the GWAICC had not meet since the last meeting. She also provided updates on the sub-committees of the GWAICC.

G. ADAR Update and Discussion

No one was present from ADAR.

VIII. Call to the Public

There was no call to the public participants. The only one member of the public was present.


IX. Next Meeting: June 8, 2021 in Bullhead City, Arizona; discuss agenda items for that meeting

X. Possible action to convene in Executive Session of the Board pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-03.A.3 to obtain legal advice from the Authority's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda

No executive session was held.

XI. Reconvene in Open Session

XII. Adjourn.

  
Secretary Treasurer  
Mohave County Water Authority

Date approved: June 8, 2021