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MCWA Board Meeting
March 14, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.
Kingman City Council Chambers,
310 North 4th Street, Kingman, AZ Kingman, Arizona
www.mohavecountywaterauthority.com

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sheehy at 9:00 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Sheehy.

B. Roll Call

Jamie Kelley took roll. Present were Chairman Sheehy (LHC), Chris McClure (GSWCD), Chip Sherrill (MVIDD), Ken Watkins (Kingman), Steve D'Amico (Bullhead City), and Travis Lingenfelter (Mohave County). Absent was Mary Wall (MWCD).

II. Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2022 and February 9, 2023

The minutes for the December 13, 2022 and February 9, 2023 meeting were considered. A motion was made by Board member Sherrill to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Steve D'Amico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. Agenda Modifications

There were no modifications to the agenda.

IV. Presentation by ADWR, Kristen Johnson, Colorado River Program Manager

Kristen Johnson, ADWR Colorado River Program Manager presented an update on the shortage conditions and negotiations. Slides used during her presentation are attached to these minutes.

V. Approval of Expenses

Tina Moline presented a review of expenses by vendor for the time period of November 2022 through January 2023. Upon motion made by Board member Sherrill, and seconded by Board member D'Amico, the expenses were approved.

VI. Review and Acceptance of Financial Reports

Tina Moline presented the financial reports as of January 31, 2023. After discussion, a motion was made by Board member Sherrill and seconded by Board member D'Amico to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action to:

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

After brief discussion, the following motions were made:

- A motion was made to elect Board member Sheehy as Chairman for the upcoming year by Travis Lingengelter and seconded by Ken Watkins. Board member Sheehy was unanimously elected.
- A motion was then made to elect Travis Ligenfelter as vice-chairman by Ken Watkins and seconded by Steve D'Amico. Board member Lingenfelter was unanimously elected as vice-chair.
- A motioin was made for the Kingman representative, Ken Watkins, to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Board member Watkins was unanimously elected as vice-chair.

B. Approve renewal of Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

Jamie Kelley advised the board the quote provided was the only quote obtained as numerous companies declined to quote the coverage. The premium decreased a small amount from the prior year's premium due to the efforts of our insurance agent in discussing with the underwriter the limited nature of the authority's activities, including the lack of employees. Upon motion made by Chip Sherrill and seconded by Ken Watkins, renewal of the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance was approved unanimously.

C. Employ audit firm for 2023 audit

Tina Moline advised the board that two quotes had been obtained, one from Henry Horne for \$10,000 and one from Hinton Burdick for \$7,500. Tina advised she had received many declinations as the audit was too small. She advised it might be worth pursuing a multi-year contract next year. Tina further advised the board it would be cost effective to use the same firm as Kingman allowing the parties to share certain expenses such as field

visits. Chip Sherrill moved to employ Hinton Burdick to complete the audit for fiscal year 23. Chris McClure seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A. Establish dues and set budget for 2023-2024 year

Tina Moline presented the options for the upcoming budget and dues. At the request of Jamie Kelley, Ms. Moline prepared an option with a 5% dues increase and a revised budget with a \$75,000 contingency. Ms. Kelley recommended the dues increase be approved to help close the gap between income and expenses and the contingency be increased to ensure MCWA has the flexibility to hire an outside consultant or lobbyist at the state level next year.

After discussion, Chris McClure made a motion to increase the dues by 5% and to adopt the budget with the \$75,000 contingency. The motion was seconded by Board member Steve D'Amico. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Renew contract with the Law Offices of Jamie Kelley PLLC for upcoming year or employ general counsel or executive director

Chairman Sheehy made a motion to renew the contract with the Law Offices of Jamie Kelley, PLLC. The motion was seconded by Board member Watkins. Jamie Kelley advised a new form of contract would be presented at the next board meeting, as some of the administrative duties would be adjusted. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Updates and Discussion

A. Colorado River

None due to the presentation of Kristen Johnson

B. Update on Mohave County et. al. v BoR

Supervisor Lingenfelter presented an update on the litigation.

C. Legislative Update

None

D. MSCP

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E. Members' Comments

None

F. Call to the Public

III. Next Meeting: June 13, 2023 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona; discuss agenda items for that meeting. September 12, 2023 meeting will be in Bullhead City

IV. 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

V. Reconvene in Open Session

VI. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned following a motion made by Board member Sherrill, seconded by Board member Lingenfelter, and passed unanimously.