

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER
BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS
October 30, 2023

OPEN SESSION

A special Meeting of the City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water and Power (DWP) Board of Commissioners was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on June 9, 2023 by Chair Bob Tarras.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Tarras, Chair
Barbara Willey, Vice-Chair
Joe Cylwik, Commissioner

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Craig Hjorth, Treasurer
Jim Smith, Commissioner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bob Tarras, Chair

1. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

1.1 Ratify Change Order No. 4 to the South West Pump & Drilling Contract for the Division Well No. 9 Drilling Project

Chair Tarras asked if changing the piping from 20" to 18" saves the DWP money. Reggie Lamson, General Manager, responded that the pipe size change is captured in Change Order No. 4. Chair Tarras requested general information on the effect of excess fluoride levels in a well. Reggie responded that fluoride is present in Division Wells No. 6 and 7 and is more prominent on the east side of the Valley. Reggie added that we expect if we screen Division Well No. 9 at the same depth as Division Wells No. 6 and 7, we may obtain similar fluoride results. Commissioner Cylwik asked if there is additional cost to blend the water. Reggie responded no, because Division Well Nos. 6, 7, & 9 will all pump to a common discharge pipe. Commissioner Cylwik asked about treatment cost. Reggie responded that he does not know that information since DWP does not currently treat for fluoride and added that the treatment plant in Fawnskin cost between \$600,000-\$700,000. Commissioner Cylwik asked if the additions and deletions in Change Order No. 4 are per the contract price. Reggie responded that only the credits are based on the contract price.

Commissioner Cylwik asked how we can verify the price is fair. Reggie responded that he received a price from the manufacturer, and he performed a unit cost breakdown. Reggie added that based on his calculations, the pricing looked legitimate. Commissioner Cylwik asked if there are other items in Change Order No. 4 not in the original contract. Reggie responded that the bottom plate and casing guides were originally included in the bid for blank casing, the filter pack difference is because the diameter of the hole is larger, the bore hole is enlarged to 28", and additional geophysical logs were necessary because of the increased drilling depth.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Willey, seconded by Commissioner Cylwik, and carried 3-0 to ratify Change Order No. 4 to the South West Pump & Drilling Contract for the Division Well No 9 Drilling Project in the amount of \$271,099.55.

AYES: Cylwik, Tarras, Willey

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

1.2 Reduce Retention for the Borden Excavating Contract for the 2023 Pipeline Replacement Project

Commissioner Cylwik stated that he is in support of leaving the liability with the contractor because the contractor could have worked longer hours or on the weekend and completed the project before paving restrictions were effective. Reggie responded that the current retentions are for the installation of all pipeline segments, the estimated paving cost liability is less than the total retentions. Commissioner Tarras inquired regarding the potential risk of price increases exceeding the retention amount incentivizing the contractor to leave the paving component incomplete in the spring. Nathan added that the contractor is motivated to complete the project beyond just cost considerations because the project needs to be completed to release the bonding on the project.

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Motion made by Commissioner Cylwik, seconded by Vice-Chair Willey, and carried 3-0 to reduce the retention for the Borden Contract for the 2023 Pipeline Replacement Project to \$22,000.

AYES: Cylwik, Tarras, Willey

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ADJOURNMENT

No additional business came before the Board. At 2:36 p.m., Chair Tarras adjourned the meeting.

Leeanne Eagleson

Leeanne Eagleson, Management Analyst/Board Secretary

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