

Blue Ridge Domestic Water Improvement District (BRDWID)
Minutes of the Board of Directors Open Public Meeting
July 15, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.
Starlight Pines Community Center, 2740 Arapaho Drive, Happy Jack, AZ 86024
Call-in number: 720-740-9623, PIN 5894439#

1. Call to Order

Chairman Mike Bourne called the Blue Ridge Domestic Water Improvement District (BRDWID) meeting to order at 1:00P.M.

Board Member Roll Call: Mike Bourne, Casey Samsill, Tom Osterday and John Ritter were present.

Quorum: Mike Bourne declared that 4 board members were present and that constituted a quorum to conduct business.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Accept Agenda as Presented

Motion: Accept Agenda as presented Moved by: John Ritter Seconded by: Tom Osterday
The motion was passed by: John Ritter, Mike Bourne, Casey Samsill and Tom Osterday.

Agenda Item 6A was moved to allow the discussion of a new board member earlier in the meeting.

6A Regular Agenda Item

A Discuss and possible approval of Brian Willia for the open Board position.
The board discussed Brian's background and qualifications. Casey Samsill, Tom Osterday and John Ritter recommended Brian based on his experience and knowledge.

Casey Samsill made a motion to Approve Brian Willia as a new member of the BRDWID Board, John Ritter seconded the motion.

Casey Samsill, Mike Bourne, John Ritter and Tom Osterday approved the motion.

Brian Willia then took the Oath of Office and signed the form as well as the Statement of Compliance form.

Welcome Brian Willia as the newest BRDWID Board member

4. Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public

5. Consent Agenda Items

Mike asked the word "consider" be added in front of "Transitioning our legal representation to another firm" to clarify we have not decided on a course of action yet.

Casey Samsill made a motion to accept the Draft minutes with the addition of the word consider. John ritter seconded the motion.

Casey Samsill, Mike Bourne, John Ritter, Tom Osterday and Brian Willia approved the motion.

6 Regular Agenda Items

B Status of the transition of Starlight Water Assets to BRDWID

Mike Bourne discussed the Starlight Water Letter and steps to resolve the issues brought up in the letter.

General discussion of the proposed transition plan and how to get the effort coordinated between the different groups.

The WIFA loan extension was discussed to ensure we will have water revenue to make our payment in January 2024. The loan rate is being held to 1.98% but we asked for the term to be moved back to 20 years from the current 18 yr to reduce the payment amount.

C Financial Report

Mike Bourne reported the current checking balance and mentioned that the amount is actually lower due to opening an escrow account for the purchase of the assets.

Tom Osterday thanked all the recent donors to the amount for keeping the district with a positive balance sheet.

D Introduce to the Community

Harry Jones (General Manager) introduced himself and gave a brief Bio of his background and experience. He is looking forward to working with the community and the District.

Harry also introduced Susan Thompson who will be acting as his Admin Asst for this District.

Pat Carpenter (Water System Operator and Repairs) introduced himself and provided a brief bio. His company has both operators and repair technicians to keep the system operational. He discussed his knowledge of the water systems in general and what his expectations were about response times and service.

Cheryl Ibotson (Arizona Utility Billing Solutions) this was tabled for now.

7 Announcements

The next meeting will be August 19, 2023 at 1 pm, location TBD

Agenda items: Status of asset sale, Debrief of the system walkthrough, presentation by Southwestern Utility Management about their commitment to BRDWID and our customers.

8 Adjournment

John Ritter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm Tom Osterday seconded.

Casey Samsill, Mike Bourne, John Ritter, Tom Osterday and Brian Willia approved the motion.

John Ritter

John Ritter Board Secretary and Clerk
Blue Ridge Domestic Water Improvement District

Prepared on: July 16, 2023

Mike Bourne Board Chairperson
Blue Ridge Domestic Water Improvement District

Board Approved on: Aug 19, 2023