

BLUE RIDGE DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Minutes of Emergency Meeting

NOTICE

Sept. 12, 2025 beginning at **10:30 A.M.** The meeting will only be available virtually via Zoom

- 1. Call to order 10:36 am and roll call. Present** Mike Bourne, Dan Goodwin, Harry Markley and Tom Osterday Quorum declared by Dan Goodwin
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Accept Agenda as Presented:** Motion to approve only item 4 A: Harry Markley Seconded by: Mike Bourne Unanimous Vote
- 4. A.** Discuss the issue of inaccurate meter readings over the past months and discuss and possibly act on options to address.

Mike Bourne presented the issue that prompted the Emergency meeting: Our operator, a-Quality Water, has been estimating water usage rather than reading the meters for several months. When meters were actually read in late August, the readings reflected high water usage, some of which had occurred in the prior months. This pushed customers into higher tier pricing.

Several remedies were discussed:

Harry Markley proposed charging customer just the base rate of \$67 starting for the August consumption/September billing cycle until we have the electronic meters installed.

- Tom Osterday proposed charging just the base rate for the September bills since we expect to have fully accurate readings in early October.
- Mike Bourne proposed charging customers for all water usage at Tier 1 rates (the lowest rate) for the September bills.

Members of the public spoke. Several advocated for charging Tier 1 because they didn't believe that the District should be giving water away.

A motion was made by Dan Goodwin and seconded by Mike Bourne: re-state the motion (Direct customers to ignore the September bill from SUM. Have AUBS reissue September bills for August consumption charging all water consumption at the Tier 1 rate September and October. No late fees or turn-offs through November.) Dan Goodwin, Mike Bourne and Tom Osterday voted "Aye". Harry Markley voted "Opposed". The motion passed.

- 5. Motion to adjourn:** Harry Makley Seconded By: Mike Bourne Unanimous Vote
Adjournment 1:50 pm

Dan Goodwin
Board Clerk / Secretary

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