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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MESA WATER DISTRICT  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
1965 Placentia Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
3:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Board Meeting**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Acting President Dewane.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Director Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present Shawn Dewane, Vice President  
Jim Atkinson, Director  
Fred R. Bockmiller, P.E., Director  
James R. Fidler, Director

Directors Absent Marice H. DePasquale, President

Staff Present Denise Garcia, Administrative Services Manager/  
District Secretary  
Marwan Khalifa, CPA, MBA, Chief Financial Officer/  
District Treasurer  
Stacy Taylor, Water Policy Manager  
Andrew D. Wiesner, P.E., Principal Engineer  
Celeste Carrillo, Public Affairs Coordinator

Others Present None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Acting President Dewane asked for public comments on items not on the agenda.

There were no comments and Vice President Dewane proceeded with the meeting.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED, REMOVED, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA**

Chief Financial Officer Khalifa reported that there were no items to be added, removed, or reordered on the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

Approve all matters under the Consent Calendar by one motion unless a Board member, staff, or a member of the public requests a separate action.

1. Receive and file the Developer Project Status Report.
2. Receive and file the Mesa Water and Other Agency Projects Status Report.
3. Receive and file the Water Quality Call Report.

4. Receive and file the Water Operations Status Report.
5. Receive and file the Accounts Paid Listing.
6. Receive and file the Monthly Financial Reports.
7. Receive and file the Major Staff Projects.
8. Receive and file the State Advocacy Update.
9. Receive and file the Orange County Update.
10. Receive and file the Outreach Update.
11. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022 Second Quarter Financial Update.

Acting President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

#### MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to approve Items 1 - 11 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4 – 1, with President DePasquale absent.

#### PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

##### 12. 100% LOCAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN:

CFO Khalifa introduced Public Affairs Coordinator Carrillo who proceeded with a presentation that highlighted the following:

- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Milestone of Providing 100% Local Water
- Outreach Activities
- Postcard
- Newsletter
- Social Media

Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Ms. Carrillo responded to questions from the Board and they thanked her for the presentation.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

##### 13. MAINLINE VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

CFO Khalifa introduced Principal Engineer Wiesner who provided a brief overview of the topic.

Mr. Wiesner responded to questions from the Board and they thanked him for the information.

Acting President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

#### MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Director Atkinson, to award a contract to Big Ben Engineering, Inc. for \$1,512,800 and a 10% contingency of \$151,280 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,664,080 to provide construction for the Mainline Valve

Replacement Project Package 1, and authorize execution of the contract. Motion passed 4 – 1, with President DePasquale absent.

14. FINANCIAL AUDITOR SELECTION:

CFO Khalifa provided a brief overview of the topic.

Acting President Dewane asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

MOTION

Motion by Director Bockmiller, second by Vice President Dewane, to direct staff to omit the interviews scheduled for March 8, 2022 and to award a three-year contract with Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP in the amount of \$136,650 to provide Financial Auditing Services. Motion passed 4 – 1, with President DePasquale absent.

REPORTS:

15. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

16. DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

INFORMATION ITEMS:

17. OTHER (NO ENCLOSURE)

Acting President Dewane adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m. to a Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Approved:

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*Marice DePasquale*  
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Marice H. DePasquale, President

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*Denise Garcia*  
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Denise Garcia, District Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon D. Brimer