



# BIG PLAINS WATER SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING AND HEARING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGULAR MEETING  
1777 N Meadowlark Dr, Apple Valley  
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

**Chairman** | Michael Farrar

**Board Members** | Harold Merritt | Ross Gregerson | Matt Politte | Kevin Sair

### CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

### PRESENT

Chairman Michael Farrar

Board Member Harold Merritt

Board Member Ross Gregerson

Board Member Matt Politte

Board Member Kevin Sair

Dan Harsh, Water Operator, present at the meeting.

### DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

### CHAIR REPORT

Water System Updates:

- The chlorinating and cleaning of the water system were completed successfully without any noticeable issues.
- There were inquiries about water restrictions due to issues in Virgin and Hildale, but it was confirmed that the local water infrastructure is in good condition.
- The system has two wells and the Cedar Point pump, which can supply 100 gallons per minute, meeting current demands without needing water restrictions.
- Residents are encouraged to conserve water due to being in a desert and drought conditions, but no formal restrictions are in place.

IPS Ratings (Drinking Water Report Card):

- Apple Valley System: Improved from 145 points to 55 points (65% reduction). Some points will be removed in December after a year of monitoring.
- Cedar Point System: Improved from 305 points to 200 points (35% reduction). All points are due to groundwater issues (radium, manganese, turbidity), which will be addressed with pipeline improvements.
- Canaan Springs System: Improved from 125 points to 40 points (70% reduction). Some points will be removed in December after a year of monitoring, with others related to storage capacity issues.



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Acknowledgements: Chairman Farrar thanked the water board and all involved for their efforts in improving the water systems.

Conclusion: No further comments or questions from other board members.

### PUBLIC HEARING

1. Resolution-BPW-R-2024-14, Amending Section 01.20.040 Cost Of Services Of The Policy And Procedures Manual.

Chairman Farrar opened the public hearing for Resolution-BPW-R-2024-14, Amending Section 01.20.040 Cost Of Services Of The Policy And Procedures Manual.

No public comments.

Chairman Farrar closed the public hearing for Resolution-BPW-R-2024-14, Amending Section 01.20.040 Cost Of Services Of The Policy And Procedures Manual.

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2. Resolution-BPW-R-2024-14, Amending Section 01.20.040 Cost Of Services Of The Policy And Procedures Manual.

Chairman Farrar opened discussion on Resolution-BPW-R-2024-14, which pertains to the amendment of Section 01.20.040 regarding the cost of services in the policy and procedures manual. The amendment involves a fee adjustment of \$1.

Motion made by Board Member Gregerson, Seconded by Board Member Sair.

Voting Yea: Chairman Farrar, Board Member Merritt, Board Member Gregerson, Board Member Politte, Board Member Sair

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

3. Property Insurance with Utah Trust.

Chairman Farrar opened the discussion on property insurance with Utah Trust, highlighting a proposal for the annual cost of \$2,941. The insurance would cover five warehouse buildings, three water storage facilities, and an office storage building.

Consideration of Coverage: Chairman Farrar noted the potential to lower insurance rates if certain properties were removed from coverage but was unsure if the buildings had been previously needed for insurance claims.



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Risk Assessment: Concerns were raised about the necessity of insuring buildings with low risk, such as wells unlikely to be damaged by fire or accidents. The importance of insuring electrical components and controllers was discussed due to past incidents involving costly repairs.

The board members suggested tabling the decision to gather more information on specific coverage details, deductibles, claim limits, and other relevant factors.

Motion: Board Member Gregerson motioned that we table the Insurance Coverage.

Motion made by Board Member Gregerson, Seconded by Board Member Merritt.

Voting Yea: Chairman Farrar, Board Member Merritt, Board Member Gregerson, Board Member Politte, Board Member Sair

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

4. Disbursement Listing for June 2024.
5. Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2024 through June 2024.
6. June 2024 Water Usage Comparison.
7. Approval of Minutes: June 26, 2024.
8. Approval of Minutes: June 19, 2024.

Chairman Farrar discussed the budget report.

Budget Report:

- End of Fiscal Year Summary:
  - The budget ended with an overage of nearly \$25,465, attributed to higher-than-expected expenses.
  - Primary reasons for the overage included:
    - Engineering fees
    - Attorney fees

Discussion Points:

- Expenditure Analysis:
  - There was a significant item that caused the budget to go over, primarily related to engineering and legal fees.



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- Other operational costs were slightly more than anticipated, indicating a positive revenue variance of about \$9,000.
- Some areas of the budget had lower expenses which helped to balance out the overall financial picture.

Motion: Board Member Gregerson motioned that we approve the BPW June 24 Disbursement Listing, and the BPW June 24 Budget Report, and the June 24 Water Usage Comparison, and including that motion that we approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024 Special Big Plains Meeting, and minutes from June 19, 2024 minutes of the Big Plains Special Service District Public Hearing and Meeting.

Motion made by Board Member Gregerson, Seconded by Board Member Sair.

Voting Yea: Chairman Farrar, Board Member Merritt, Board Member Gregerson, Board Member Politte, Board Member Sair

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### REQUEST FOR A CLOSED SESSION

No request.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Board Member Merritt motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Board Member Merritt, Seconded by Board Member Sair.

Voting Yea: Chairman Farrar, Board Member Merritt, Board Member Gregerson, Board Member Politte, Board Member Sair

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman | Michael Farrar

Attest BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk/Recorder | Jenna Vizcardo