

MINUTES
MCWA Board Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 @2:30 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, board members attended the special meeting by Zoom conference. The public is invited to participate in the meeting by telephone by dialing the number below, entering the meeting id and password. Public Dial in and instructions: Dial: 1-669-900-6833 US; Enter Meeting ID: 983 9421 9819 and Enter Password: 110810.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Clark. Present in the Zoom conference or on the telephone were Chairman Clark, Cal Sheehy, Chip Sherril and Gary Watson. Absent were Mayor Jenn Myles, Tom Sockwell and Bill Trotter. Also in attendance were Tina Moline, Melissa Ellico, Jess Knudsen, Kelly Garry and Toby Cotter.

The first order of business was the discussion of the budget for 2020-2021 year. Chairman Clark reviewed the spreadsheet provided for review prior to the meeting which listed several levels of dues for consideration. Chairman Clark recommended option 3 which contemplates dues in the amount of \$4,500 for Bullhead, Lake Havasu, MWCD and MVIDD and \$2,000 for GSWCD and Mohave County. Mayor Sheehy addressed the group, advocating for a dues holiday as the affects of COVID-19 are unknown for the municipalities and the authority has \$1.2 million in funds on hand. Chairman Clark requested Tina Moline explain the restrictions on the Authority's three funds, operating, grant and acquisition to the members. The grant fund is restricted by statute. The acquisition fund is restricted by the board to water acquisition. Discussion ensued as to whether water acquisition funds could be transferred to operating account, and the answer is yes but only by board action.

Chairman Clark spoke about Kingman's contribution of services in lieu of dues had been valued at \$4,500.00. Supervisor Watson stated he was not in line with a dues holiday but supported Option 3. Chip Sherrill also supported Option 3. Mr. Sherrill inquired about the change in dues setting methodology. Chairman Clark explained the change was attributable to the Authority's focus on the upcoming renegotiation of the guidelines which will benefit all members equally. Mr. Sherrill then questioned contract services and consulting expenses listed in the proposed budget. He also inquired if the legislature could sweep the Authority's funds. Tina Moline responded the funds belonged to the authority, not the State, and were not subject to sweeps.

The next matter to be considered by the board was the format for the next meeting, whether it should be a Zoom conference or in person. Discussion followed that in person was preferential but it was too early to make the decision. No action was taken.

The chairman opened the meeting up to public input. There was no public input.

No executive session was held.

The meeting was adjourned following a motion to adjourn made by Mr. Sherrill and seconded.

Dated: _____

Secretary-Treasurer
MOHAVE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY