

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Dennis Bass.
3. Roll Call: Neil Duncan, Harold Merritt, Kevin Sair, Mayor Moser, and Dennis Bass were present.
4. Declarations of conflict of interests.  
None Stated.
5. Review of conflicts of interest and accept letters from Board Members  
Letters were turned in to the Town Clerk to file.
6. Acquisitions – Dennis Bass  
No new information.
7. Funding – Kevin Sair  
No new information.
  - a. Update on Funding – Rod Mills/Mayor Moser  
Rod Mills said that he, Chairman Dennis Bass and Mayor Richard Moser met with the Executive Director of the Department of Drinking Water in December. He said that the funding schedule was reviewed. He said that they had discussed obtaining some interim funding in order to get the water project off the ground. They said that they could only provide funding for specific things such as sustainable water studies. He said that pending the SSD board’s approval he intends to submit a request for interim funding for the allowed expenditures.

Rod Mills added that they had done some studies on the probable future income and expenses that the SSD was likely to experience. He said that he had a very good feel for what funding would be required for the SSD to function. He said that their goal was to be “backhoe ready” by summer.

Rod Mills said that the environmental study was still ongoing and he was hoping that the results would show that there would be no environmental impact. He also said that they were still working on the preliminary engineering report.

8. Operations – Neil Duncan  
Rod Mills said that the highest projection for an individual water rate was around \$46. He said that he could bring a table of some of the neighboring area’s water rates to compare and assist in setting the SSD’s rates. He said that the more work that is done in preparation for providing water, the better the funding likelihood will be.

Rod Mills suggested discussing pioneering agreements on a future meeting agenda to plan for future opportunities.

9. Resource Management – Mayor Moser  
Rod Mills said that they are looking into what the overall available groundwater sustainable resource actually is in this area. He said that he will be looking at the dates the area water shares have been issued.

Mayor Moser said that they will be moving forward as soon as the study is done.

10. Development – Harold Merritt

Harold Merritt said that the major issue at this point would be to tie up the pioneering agreements.

Gary Wellin asked how the water rates would be structured.

Rod Mills said that they are trying to come up with fair pricing.

Gary Wellin asked why it isn't just priced by the gallon like other commodities.

Rod Mills said that in future meetings they would be discussing water conservation pricing methods.

11. Consider approval of minutes:

a. November 9, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Neil Duncan to approve the November 9, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Harold Merritt seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Harold Merritt-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Kevin Sair-yes, and Dennis Bass-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

b. December 1, 2011 Work Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mayor Moser to approve the December 1, 2011 work meeting minutes. Kevin Sair seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Harold Merritt-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Kevin Sair-yes, and Dennis Bass-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

c. December 7, 2011 Retreat Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Harold Merritt to approve the December 7, 2011 retreat meeting minutes. Neil Duncan seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Harold Merritt-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Kevin Sair-yes, and Dennis Bass-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

d. December 9, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mayor Moser to approve the December 9, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Kevin Sair seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Harold Merritt-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Kevin Sair-yes, and Dennis Bass-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

12. Request for a closed session

Motion made by Mayor Moser for a closed session to discuss water asset purchases and acquisitions. Neil Duncan seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Harold Merritt-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Kevin Sair-yes, and Dennis Bass-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Neil Duncan to adjourn the meeting. Harold Merritt seconded the motion. Vote: Neil Duncan-yes, Harold Merritt-yes, Mayor Moser-yes, Kevin Sair-yes, and Dennis Bass-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:29 PM.

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nathan Bronemann

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Chairman Dennis Bass