Minutes of the regular meeting of the Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Service District, Washington County, Utah that was held on the 18th day of January, 2012 at the Smithsonian Fire Department Building, 1777 N. Meadowlark Dr., Apple Valley, Utah.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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. Discussion and possible action on a contract for SSD to use Town Clerk

Mayor Moser said that the Town attorney was preparing an inter-local agreement that would be on the next agenda for the use if the Town Clerk as well as Town equipment, etc.

6. Discussion and possible action on water stand-by fees for vacant lots

Rod Mills said that they needed to start looking at what was going to be charged. He said that he had researched surrounding municipalities as to what they were charging for standby fees. He said that when they come up with rates that they be called tentative rates subject to further review until they are ultimately decided on. He said that they needed to consider affordability, conservation, average user/average bill, and expenses. He said that of the surrounding areas they have standby rates from \$15-\$45. He said that he had estimated having a \$20 standby rate.

Mayor Moser suggested just having a no-water base rate instead of a standby rate that everyone was charged.

Charlie Greco asked about the differences between a hook-up fee and the standby fee.

Margaret Ososki asked about vacant lots with no infrastructure.

Rod Mills said that they would still have to pay a standby fee.

7. Discussion and possible action on actual water fees

Rod Mills said that the surrounding municipalities had no-water base rates that ranged from \$13-35. They averaged out to about \$21.13 He recommended setting a no-water base rate at \$20 so that it would be the same as the standby fee.

Rod Mills said that the average first tier of surrounding areas was \$0.81 per 1,000 gallons for up to 5,000 in some and up to 20,000 in others. He recommended setting the first tier at \$0.80 for each thousand gallons up to 15,000 gallons.

Rod Mills said that the average second tier of surrounding areas was \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons for between 5,001 and up to 25,000. He recommended setting the second tier at \$1.00 for each thousand gallons between 15,001-25,000 gallons.

Rod Mills said that the average third tier of surrounding areas was \$1.56 per 1,000 gallons for between 10,001 and up to 45,000. He recommended setting the second tier at \$1.50 for each thousand gallons between 25,001-40,000 gallons.

Rod Mills recommended setting the forth tier at \$2.00 for each thousand gallons between above 40,000 gallons.

Motion made by Dennis Bass to take that information and review it for a decision next 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.

8. Discussion and possible action on water master

Motion made by Kevin Sair to table this motion until a later date. 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.

9. Discussion and possible action on operators for the water system

Motion made by Dennis Bass to table this motion until a later date. Mayor Moser 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.

10. Discussion and possible action on operating equipment (Backhoe)

Motion made by Mayor Moser to table this motion until a later date. 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.

11. Acquisitions - Dennis Bass

No new information.

12. Funding – Kevin Sair

Rod Mills said that there had been considerable dialog between Ensign Engineering and the Division of Drinking Water regarding funding. He said that on March 1st there would be a meeting that would address that funding. He said that the total funding package would be around \$6 million and it would be split between grant and loan options. He anticipated having funding available in June and rural water funding later after engineering had been done.

13. Operations – Neil Duncan

No new information.

14. Resource Management – Mayor Moser

Mayor Moser said that he had spoken with the Utah State Governor and he had offered his support to the Town and would let the Division of Drinking water know that. He said that a 5-acre parcel was going to be donated by the Jepson Canyon properties to put a tank on.

15. Development – Harold Merritt

Harold Merritt said that there were a couple developers that have expressed interest in developing in Apple Valley but that they are concerned with the water issues.

16. Consider approval of minutes:

a. January 4, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Neil Duncan to approve the January 4, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Mayor Moser 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.

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Motion made by Neil Duncan for a closed session to discuss water asset purchases and acquisitions. Mayor Moser 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.

18. Adjournment

Motion made by Mayor Moser to adjourn the meeting. 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.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:59 PM.	
Date approved:	
ATTEST BY:	
Nathan Bronemann	Chairman Dennis Bass