

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 1, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:08 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: By roll-call vote:
Bill Long Present
Gary Given Absent
Gary Lovelace Present
Gary Wilson Absent
Karl Wyne Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: 6

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Lovelace/Wyne 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve the agenda of the October 1, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Whitman, a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, stated that the subject of Item 13, "Consideration of Policy to Require Property Owners to Sign for Monthly Water Service" was to have been discussed by the Committee, and asked that the item be tabled until after the Committee makes a recommendation.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Lovelace/Wyne 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 10, 2008; to approve the financial report for July 2008; to approve the financial report for August 2008; to adopt Resolution 08-836 Establishing the appropriation limit of the District for fiscal year 08/09.

7. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #08-7 REGARDING DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

General Manager Guzzetta reported that the proposed 5% increase would not apply to the current Board members, as it will take effect after 60 days, if approved. There were no questions from the Board. Director Wyne commented that an increase could provide incentive for potential new Board members. President Long opened the Public Hearing. James Swalberg of Joshua Tree asked if this is the only compensation that directors receive. Al Marquez of Joshua Tree spoke opposing the increase. There were no further comments and President Long closed the public hearing. Following brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

MSC Lovelace/Wyne 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to adopt Ordinance #08-7 Providing for Compensation of Members of the Board of Directors at a rate of \$173.63 per service day.

8. SPONSORSHIP OF FRANK HELLING'S JOHN MUIR PRESENTATION IN JOSHUA TREE

This item was not discussed as the event had been postponed.

9. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL GPS UNIT, SOFTWARE, ANTENNA, POLE AND STAND

GM Guzzetta introduced the item and GIS Coordinator Keith Faul presented the staff report, noting that having an additional unit with the accessories will allow for faster and more accurate data collection.

MSC Lovelace/Wyne 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to approve the following purchases: one GPS (GeoXH) unit at a cost of \$5,125 for the unit and \$1,165 for the TerraSync Software; one Zephyr Antenna Kit at a cost of \$1,075; one Carbon Fiber Range Pole and Pole accessories at a cost of \$527; updates to existing TerraSync software at a cost of \$1,062; update to existing Pathfinder software at a cost of \$765.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 08-XXX OPENING NEW BANK ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING SIGNERS WITH UNION BANK

This item was continued to a future meeting (staff request).

The meeting recessed at 7:37 pm for a short break and was again called to order at 7:48 pm.

11. AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT WITH RGA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN A DEMONSTRATION GARDEN AT COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

GM Guzzetta reported that the landscape architect is working on residential landscape templates as well as the demonstration garden design. Concept drawings are complete for the demonstration garden. The demonstration garden is designed to complement other demonstration gardens in the Morongo Basin. Copper Mountain College also has an area for a demonstration garden needing renovation; CMC has funds for the renovation

and could get more value if allowed to participate in the JBWD landscape design contract already in place. Coincidentally the architect working on the JBWD designs has worked with the college in the past, so he is familiar with the existing property. There would be no cost to the District for the College's participation.

MSC Long/Lovelace 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to amend the agreement with RGA Landscape Architects, Inc., at a cost of \$15,000 and to enter into an agreement with Mojave Water Agency to receive \$15,000 for this project.

12. REIMBURSEMENT FOR MAINLINE EXTENSION FOR UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES IN THE H ZONE

Assistant General Manager Greer reported that the total cost of the H Zone project was approximately \$4.2 million and that about 35% of the affected properties have not yet taken water service. About 160 parcels that do not yet have water service would be required to pay a portion of the cost of the new pipeline in order to get service under a proposed policy that requires new development to pay for the improved pipe. The proposed fee is based on the actual cost of the project.

Mickey Luckman, a Citizens Advisory Committee member, commented that the committee had discussed the idea and recommended a policy of new development reimbursing the District for the H Zone pipeline based on front footage of the property. The proposed policy was further explained by staff and then discussed by the Board.

MSC Lovelace/Wyne 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to authorize collection of mainline reimbursement fee of \$37 per foot for new service connections in the H Zone project area with a cap of \$7,400 for properties that have longer frontages but only for those that cannot be subdivided.

13. CONSIDERATION OF POLICY TO REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS TO SIGN FOR MONTHLY WATER SERVICE

GM Guzzetta reported on the item which was requested by Director Wyne. Discussion had previously been referred to the Citizens Advisory Committee; however, the committee had not yet developed a recommendation. During brief discussion, President Long directed staff to provide information to the Citizens Advisory Committee and requested that the committee continue discussion and make a recommendation to the Board.

MSC Wyne/Long 3/0 (2 Absent) to direct staff to take information to the Citizens Advisory Committee and have the committee develop a recommendation for the Board.

14. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported that the H Zone is now complete.

15. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that training for the new software will begin in November; installation of the software will take place in February 2009.

16. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Lovelace stated that the Board is neither pro- nor Anti-growth.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Reynolds asked if there were rules or bylaws affecting JBWD regarding development. President Long referred him to SB610 and SB221.

18. CLOSED SESSION

Property Acquisition; pursuant to Government Code 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiator regarding price and terms. District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta. APN: 588-152-12

The Board went to Closed Session at 8:50 pm.

19. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with labor negotiator regarding MSC unit; pursuant to Government code 54957.6. District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:30 pm having taken no reportable action.

20. CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISORY, AND CONFIDENTIAL UNIT

This item was not discussed.

21. ADJOURNMENT 9:35 PM

MSC Wyne/Lovelace 3/0 (2 Absent) to adjourn the October 1, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 15, 2008.