

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 19, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Victoria Fuller	Present
Bob Johnson	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Greer, Acting General Manager
Marie Salsberry, HR Manager/Administrative Specialist
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel
Mike Metts, District Engineer, Dudek & Associates
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 14

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman/Johnson 5/0 to approve the agenda for the February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kimberly Bowers of Joshua Tree commented recommending Curt Sauer's appointment as District General Manager, describing him as an articulate, uplifting and inspiring leader.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Reynolds/Luckman 5/0 to approve the draft minutes of the February 5, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

7. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER

President Fuller reported that the proposed agreement was developed by the Ad Hoc GM Negotiating Committee with input from members of the Board. Director Wilson asked if the District had received a Form 700 from Mr. Sauer; District Counsel Gil Granito stated that the new general manager would need to complete the form within 30 days. Director Johnson stated he was excited about the appointment and is looking forward to working with Mr. Sauer. Director Luckman stated we are lucky that Mr. Sauer accepted an offer to join the District. Vice President Reynolds stated he is looking forward to Mr. Sauer coming aboard once the contract is approved. President Fuller commented that Mr. Sauer will be an asset to the

community and the District.

District Counsel Granito stated that Mr. Sauer would like to start his employment on February 24th and action taken should reflect that the employment agreement will be effective as of February 24th.

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 4/1 to approve the employment agreement as amended with an effective date of February 24, 2014.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

8. DISCUSS OPERATION OF PRIVATE PACKAGE TREATMENT PLANTS

Acting General Manager Greer reported that in 2007 the District obtained sewer authority from the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). District Engineer Mike Metts of Dudek & Associates was present and gave a report explaining that it is important for the District to operate sewage treatment plants here in order ensure protection of the water quality.

9. NOMINATION OF JBWD DIRECTOR FOR REGULAR OR ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)

President Fuller reported. LAFCO has an opening for Regular Special District member and for Alternate Special District member. After some discussion the following action was taken:

MSC Reynolds/Johnson 4/1 to nominate Director Luckman for the position of Regular Special District Member or if that position is not available for Director Luckman the nomination of Director Luckman is for the position of Alternate Special District member; if Director Luckman can be considered for the position of Regular Special District Member the nomination for the position of Alternate Special District member is President Fuller.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

10. CONSIDER INCREASE TO DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

AGM Greer reported that Director compensation can be increased annually, not to exceed 5% per calendar year.

The District has not increased Director compensation since 2008. The subject should be discussed by the Board each year. Director Wilson made a motion to decrease the amount of Director compensation to \$75 per service day. Since this item was not agendized as an action item, there was no second to the motion. Director Luckman commented that this item should be considered by the Board each year; however she is not in favor of an increase at this time. Vice President Reynolds stated he would like more information such as the cost of living, what other districts similar to ours are doing, and what other rates of increases have other boards implemented. He suggested that the District's (Citizens Advisory Committee) gather thoughts from the community and bring that information back to the Board, and that staff research what neighboring and similar districts are doing. President Fuller stated the subject should be discussed by the Board on a regular basis but she does not see a need for an increase at this time. She suggested that the new General Manager address this and possibly refer to the CAC.

Tom Floen of Joshua Tree asked what the yearly cost is for Director compensation and how that would be affected by an increase or reduction in the amount of compensation. AGM Greer stated Director

compensation for last year was about \$30,000 and a five percent increase would be about \$1,500 a year.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A. ADMINISTRATION CODE UPDATE PROJECT: President Fuller and Director Luckman: This will be addressed after updates to the Rules and Regulations are completed.
- B. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT: Director Luckman and President Fuller: Director Luckman stated the committee is working with legal counsel.
- C. MOJAVE WATER AGENCY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller: President Fuller reported she attended the last meeting; projects for the plan are being rated.
- D. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Vice President Reynolds: President Fuller reported the committee has completed updates to the first section and will continue review of the Rules and Regulations in about a month.
- E. TANK RESTORATION PROJECT: Director Wilson and Director Johnson: No report at this time.

President Fuller appointed herself and Director Luckman to a new committee to comment on solar projects.

12. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller: Public Outreach Consultant Kathleen Radnich reported that a “hot button” will be activated on the District website for information about the drought. On March 30 the District will host a Water Education Day along with other water districts and many other local organizations.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: President Fuller reported the Finance Committee will meet on the last Monday of the month; the public is welcome to attend.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

14. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

AGM Greer reported on the monthly field activity report for January. The District pumped 31.6 million gallons of water; about 270 samples were collected; one mainline and two service line leaks were repaired; eight air vacs were replaced; five service lines were replaced; 65 valves were exposed, exercised and raised to grade; maintenance was performed on 37 hydrants.

15. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Johnson welcomed the new general manager. Director Luckman reported attending a workshop on Chromium-6, and attending a Mojave Water Agency meeting. She stated that the JBWD Public Information Committee met this morning. Vice President Reynolds wished Curt Sauer good luck as new general manager. President Fuller commented they had a good Public Information Committee meeting this morning. She noted that in January the Board approved placing a plant and plaque in the demonstration garden to commemorate Director Luckman’s leadership as Board President in 2013. She showed the plaque that had been prepared and reported that an ironwood tree had been donated.

16. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel Gil Granito reported that Coachella Valley Water District and the City of Watsonville will

meet this week with the state department of health regarding the proposed MLC for Chromium-6.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

18. ADJOURNMENT 8:08 PM

MSC Fuller/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

Respectfully submitted:



Susan Greer, Acting General Manager