

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 7, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **7:00 PM**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** By roll-call:
Gary Given Present
Bill Long Present
Mickey Luckman Present
Mike Reynolds Present
Gary Wilson Present

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

GUESTS: **14**

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the agenda for the April 7, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kathleen Radnich, Public Information consultant, stated that the District has ten volunteer docents who will help promote the District's Water-Wise Demonstration Garden and are available to give tours of the garden; the grand opening is set for April 17th.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented regarding an agenda item that one Director will not vote on.

President Given stated he chose to decline to participate in discussion to determine how to replace the Director position being vacated by his resignation, which will be effective tomorrow.

Curtis Blankenship of 29 Palms commented that he attended the water forum. He stated that composting toilets are much improved from early models; using them would save water.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the financial report for February 2010.

7. **HIRING OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE TO ASSIST WITH VALVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

General Manager Joe Guzzetta reported that about half of the valves in the District were covered under the program last year. Valves are located and exercised, the condition is noted and repairs are made if needed. Last summer two high school students provided temporary work under a grant program. At this time, District staffing is down to due a medical leave and vacations.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing hiring a temporary employee to work the valve maintenance program.

Steven Whitman commented in favor of hiring a temporary employee for the valve maintenance program. MSC Luckman/Reynolds 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize the hiring of a temporary contract employee for approximately six months to complete the initial round of the new systematic valve maintenance program; and appropriate up to \$25,000 for the activity.

Given Aye
Long Aye
Luckman Aye
Reynolds Aye
Wilson No

8. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) VOTE

GM Guzzetta reported. Following brief discussion the Board took the following action MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to cast a vote for James Curatalo for the Regular Special District LAFCO Member and to cast a vote for Bob Smith for the Alternate Special District LAFCO Member.

Roll call vote: Given Aye
 Long Aye
 Luckman Aye
 Reynolds Aye
 Wilson No

9. SET SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING FOR APRIL 27TH WITH CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EMERGENCY PLANS

GM Guzzetta reported that some members are not available on April 27th and that there will be no regular Board meeting on May 5th due to the ACWA Conference; the workshop meeting will be held on May 11. Vice President Luckman noted that this meeting will be primarily for communications and will incorporate emergency plans as well.

10. FILLING OF VACANCY CREATED BY RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR GIVEN

GM Guzzetta reported that per the Government Code the Board can appoint to fill the position, determine that the vacancy will be filled at the November 2010 election, or take no action in which case the County would have the option to appoint someone to the vacant seat for the remainder of the term. Vice President Luckman and Director Long commented in favor of appointment; Director Reynolds agreed. Director Wilson stated the District should wait until the election. Director Long noted that the term for this seat expires this year; if the Board appoints, the appointed Director will finish the term (several months) and the seat will be included in the November election.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing appointment to fill the vacant seat.

Steven Whitman of Joshua Tree commented in favor of appointment to fill the vacant seat.

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/1 (one abstain) to fill the Board vacancy by appointment and to direct staff to advertise the vacancy and set interviews for May 19th or another date so that selection can be made no later than June 7, 2010.

Given Abstain
Long Aye
Luckman Aye
Reynolds Aye
Wilson No

11. RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF DIRECTOR GIVEN

Vice President Luckman read the resolution.

MSC Reynolds/Luckman 4/0 (one abstain) to adopt Resolution #10-855 Expressing the Board’s Appreciation of President Given.

Given	Abstain
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

12. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Director Long made a motion to nominate Mickey Luckman to finish the year as President; Director Reynolds seconded the motion.

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/1 (one abstain) to select Director Mickey Luckman as President of the Board for the remainder of the year 2010.

Given	Abstain
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

President Luckman made a motion to nominate Director Reynolds to finish the year as Vice President; Director Long seconded the motion.

MSC Luckman/Long 3/1 (1 abstain) to select Director Reynolds as Vice President of the Board for the remainder of the year 2010.

Given	Abstain
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

13. APPOINT PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

President Luckman appointed Director Long to the Public Information Committee.

14. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported that Wells 16 and 17 are undergoing testing and will be online soon.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented on a news article about Australia’s use of water resources. He quoted an article that told of county layoffs, hiring freezes, and deferring raises. He read a recall petition from 2002.

16. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta had nothing further to report.

17. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Long stated that he had signed the petition but later ended the recall effort in 2002.

Director Reynolds reported on attending The MWA board meeting; over 4,700 vouchers for the low water use toilet replacement program have been used.

Director Wilson commented on the mainline break that occurred last month. He noted several examples of good work done by employees in the past.

Director Given thanked the community and stated that he has enjoyed his service to the District. Discussion followed regarding the recent mainline leak.

President Luckman called for a break at 7:55
The Board went to Closed Session at 8:20 pm

18. CLOSED SESSION

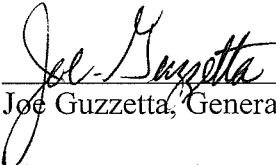
Conference with labor negotiator regarding General Unit; pursuant to Government Code 54957.6. District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:45 pm; President Luckman reported that no reportable action had been taken during the Closed Session.

19. ADJOURNMENT 6:15 PM

MSC Given/Long 5/0 to adjourn the April 7, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for April 21, 2010.