

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 6, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Frank Coate	Absent
Victoria Fuller	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

It was noted that Director Coate had advised the District that he would be absent due to illness.

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Gil Granito, District Counsel
Mike Metts, District Engineer; Dudek
Lisa Lubeley, Dudek
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 7

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MSC Reynolds/Fuller 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the agenda for the March 6th 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.
6. CONSENT CALENDAR
MSC Reynolds/ Fuller 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
7. APPEAL OF DORIS BRIDGES FOR REQUIREMENT OF FIRE HYDRANT
The Board considered the appeal of Doris Bridges for the requirement of a fire hydrant to be waived for the line extension in conjunction with the construction of a new home at 61160 Trentwood. Director Reynolds stated that he would abstain from participating in this matter due to his long acquaintance with the applicants and not due to any economic conflict of interest.
GIS Coordinator Keith Faul and District Engineer Mike Metts presented the staff report stating that the Board ad hoc Rules and Regulations Committee had reviewed this appeal and the committee and staff concurred that the appeal should be denied for reasons outlined in the staff report. Mrs. Bridges spoke in favor of the

variance stating that most fire hydrants were spaced at greater than 1300 feet rather than the 600 feet spacing required by the current rules and regulations; and that all other properties at the extension of the new proposed line are already served by other lines.

Richard Fountain, member of the public, spoke in favor of the variance as presented in a written statement submitted.

Director Wilson spoke in favor of granting the variance. Director Fuller stated that she and Director Coate met as the ad hoc Rules and Regulations Committee and do not recommend granting the variance due to reasons in the staff report and because doing so would establish a precedent.

Director Wilson made a motion to grant the variance. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Director Fuller made a motion to deny the variance; President Luckman seconded the motion.

Coate	Absent
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Abstain
Wilson	No

The motion failed for lack of three votes. President Luckman declared the matter tabled.

8. GIS PRESENTATION BY DUDEK ENGINEERING

Lisa Lubeley of Dudek Engineering gave the Board a presentation on assisting the District in developing a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) strategic plan and providing web-based software applications to integrate the GIS program with field operations at a total cost of about \$50,000. Staff noted that this was presented for information only for the Board's consideration at the upcoming Strategic Planning Workshop.

9. RECOATING OF RESERVOIRS

General Manager Guzzetta presented a report with recommendation from staff and the Board ad hoc Tank Restoration Project to solicit bids for the interior re-coating of the D-2-1, D-3, F-2 and H-1 tanks. Director Wilson reported on the ad hoc Committee meeting (Vice President Coate and Director Wilson).

MSC Wilson/Fuller 4/0 (1 Absent) to put recoating of the reservoirs out to bid.

Coate	Absent
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

10. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANT

Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer gave the staff report recommending that the Board authorize a new agreement with Kathleen Radnich for Public Information services with five additional hours per week at the same current hourly rate. She noted that this matter arose from the Public Information Committee but that the recommendation was a staff, not a committee recommendation. Director Wilson spoke in opposition to the agreement. Directors Reynolds, Fuller, and Luckman spoke in favor of the agreement.

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 3/1 (1 Absent) to approve the agreement with the Public Information Consultant.

Coate	Absent
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye

Reynolds Aye
Wilson No

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Director Fuller: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported that on Friday, March 8, at 3:00pm the JBWD Garden will be dedicated as a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat. Docents and prospective docents will receive training on propagation of native plants as part of the dedication. Hi Desert Medical Center will prepare a model of the waste water treatment plant which will be available to JBWD. Ms. Radnich has resumed attending the Saturday Farmers Market in Joshua Tree. The Public Information Committee will meet on March 13.
- B. RECHARGE BASIN AND PIPELINE PROJECT: Vice President Coate and Director Fuller: No report.
- C. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT: President Luckman and Vice President Coate: No report.
- D. TANK RESTORATION PROJECT: Director Wilson and Vice President Coate: No report.
- E. RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE PROJECT: Director Fuller and Vice President Coate: No report.
- F. ADMINISTRATION CODE UPDATE PROJECT: President Luckman and Director Fuller: No report.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported on behalf of himself and Director Coate that they went to Washington DC last week to meet with RJ Lyerly, of Carpi Clay, legislative advocates for JBWD. They held meetings with representatives of Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein. They also met with Representative Paul Cook, staff to the House T&I Water Resources Subcommittee, and staff of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. GM Guzzetta also reported on the progress of the Recharge Pipeline project.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Victoria Fuller reported her attendance at the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting where it was noted that MWA had a 20% increase in property tax revenues from Morongo Basin; a greater increase than any region within MWA, resulting in positive revenue effects. General Manager Guzzetta noted that his report on the trip to Washington was also on behalf of Vice President Coate, as required by the District Administrative Code.

15. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel Gil Granito reported on proposed AB 792 which exempts agencies from having to post the agenda on an agency website due to software or hardware impairment beyond reasonable control of the agency. He also reported on proposed AB 194 which subjects a board chairperson to misdemeanor charges if a member of the public is prohibited from criticizing an agency at a public board meeting.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Luckman requested that a closed session item be placed on the agenda regarding the annual performance evaluation of the General Manager.

Kathleen Radnich requested that an item be placed on the agenda for a presentation on the new website.

Director Fuller requested that the Bridges Appeal be placed on the next agenda.

17. ADJOURNMENT 8:20 PM

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 4/0 (1 Absent) to adjourn the March 6 2013 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 March 20, 2013 at 7:00 pm.