

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
Minutes of the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
March 5, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW GENERAL MANAGER, CURT SAUER  
President Fuller administered the oath to the new General Manager. President Fuller called for a brief recess at 7:02; the meeting resumed at 7:12.

4. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager  
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller  
Marie Salsberry, HR Manager/Administrative Specialist  
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Gil Granito, District Counsel  
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 5

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
MSC Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the agenda for the March 5, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR  
MSC Reynolds/Johnson 5/0 to approve the draft minutes of the February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors; to approve the Financial Report for December 2013; to approve the Check Audit Report for January 2014; and to adopt Resolution 14-916 authorizing new signers at US Bank.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

8. STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY REVIEW

Assistant General Manager Greer reported on the status of projects in the Strategic Plan Summary,

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A. ADMINISTRATION CODE UPDATE PROJECT: President Fuller and Director Luckman: No report.
- B. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT: Director Luckman and President Fuller: President Fuller reported the committee and General Manager met with hospital staff.
- C. MOJAVE WATER AGENCY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller: No report.
- D. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Vice President Reynolds: President Fuller reported this will be moving forward.
- E. TANK RESTORATION PROJECT: Director Wilson and Director Johnson: No report.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller. Public Outreach Consultant Kathleen Radnich reported that she is representing the District at the Joshua Tree Farmers Market. She reported the District will host a Water Education Day on March 30; and that the Morongo Basin Emergency Preparedness Committee is meeting regularly again.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: President Fuller reported that the committee met with finance staff and the general manager to review current financial information. The Committee will continue to meet monthly and will designate some meetings for public education.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Sauer reported that staff is motivated, and committed to the mission of the District. He commented on the District's safety record, noting that safety will be his top priority and that he had met with the District safety officer. He and the Hospital Wastewater Committee met with the Chief Executive Officer of Hi-Desert Medical Center regarding the ownership/operation agreement. He joined Construction & Maintenance Supervisor Jim Corbin and Water Production Supervisor Randy Little for a tour of the District and another is planned. He noted that the staff appreciates the support of the Board. A 2014-2016 budget will be brought to the Board soon; it will address system infrastructure needs. He reported authorizing \$6,300 for SCADA system software and replacement of computer hard drives. He plans to meet with the president of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce to discuss the agreement for Turtle Island. The Recharge Pond project is scheduled to begin mid-March. He met with the District's Public Outreach Coordinator, Kathleen Radnich regarding public outreach efforts.

AGM/Controller Greer reported that a check for grant funds in the amount of \$2.3 million was delivered to the District yesterday. She noted that her first reporting for this grant took place in June of 2013 and there were several delays during the reporting process. Another reimbursement request was submitted this week for approximately \$725,000. The reimbursement funds are being received at a good time, with the Recharge Pond Project beginning soon. She complimented Mojave Water Agency, who administered the grant on the District's behalf at no cost. She also reported that recently the sludge was pumped from the treatment plant for the first time.

13. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

President Fuller reported attending the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Local Government Committee meeting. A goal of the committee is to reach out to agencies for input on proposed legislation. Another goal is finding areas of interest to local special districts. Finance and protection of reserve funds is a subject of interest; the Local Government Committee is supporting a program at the Fall ACWA committee meeting on unfunded liabilities and protected reserves.  
Director Luckman reported attending the recent Mojave Water Agency (MWA) meeting where General Manager Sauer also attended and was introduced to the MWA Board.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Johnson welcomed General Manager Sauer. He stated he was encouraged to hear that infrastructure needs will be addressed in the budget; and offered kudos to staff for receipt of the grant funds. Vice President Reynolds reported that local resident Richard Fountain is in the hospital. Vice President Reynolds reported he will attend the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Director Luckman reported she is the District representative for the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA); who distributed a newsletter with an article entitled "Limiting Liability Through Governance" for boards of directors; the San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is offering Governance training on March 25 at MWA; she urged directors to attend if they can. President Fuller reported that she and Director Luckman have decided not to follow up on the nomination for the LAFCO seats, having discovered that the incumbents wish to continue.

15. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel Gil Granito reported on a law that will allow special districts to collect delinquent accounts through the Franchise Tax Board's collection process. This opportunity for collection of funds owed was formerly not available to special districts.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

17. ADJOURNMENT 7:40 PM

MSC Reynolds/Luckman 5/0 to adjourn the March 5, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

Respectfully submitted:

  
Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary