

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR and SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 15, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary
Mike Metts, Engineer, Dudek & Associates

GUESTS: 4

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Given/Luckman 5/0 to approve the agendas for the July 15, 2009 Regular and Special Meetings of the Board of Directors to be held concurrent, with item 6 of the Special Meeting agenda to follow item 9 of the Regular Meeting agenda as 9a and Item 7 of the Special Meeting agenda to follow Item 16 of the Regular Meeting agenda as 16a.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented that Joshua Tree Memorial Park has been watering the grass in the middle of the day. Joshua Basin Water District provided them with a water audit that could save thousands off their yearly water costs; however, they have apparently not implemented any changes.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2009; to approve the financial report for April 2009, and to approve the financial report for May 2009.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

7. AWARD OF BID FOR LANDSCAPE DEMONSTRATION GARDENS AT JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT AND COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

General Manager Joe Guzzetta reported. Residential landscape plans are now complete; the demonstration garden at the District will represent five of the six design palettes. Discussion ensued. Director Reynolds made a motion to award the contract for

construction of the demonstration garden only, to Tessera Inc. in the amount of \$109,432. There was no second to the motion.

MSC Luckman/Long 3/2 to approve staff recommendation to award the bid for construction of a demonstration garden at Joshua Basin Water District to Tessera Inc, in the amount of \$109,432 for the base bid (plants, irrigation, pathways), and \$51,409 for "Alternative 4" (garden portals), plus 10% contingency.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	No
Wilson	No

MSC Long/Given 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to award the bid for construction of a demonstration garden at Copper Mountain College to Tessera Inc, in the amount of \$34,530.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to appropriate \$56,000 from the unappropriated reserves for the District's share of the project.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

MSC Long/Reynolds 4/1 to approve contingency of 10% for the Copper Mountain College demonstration garden.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

8. LONG TERM WASTE WATER STRATEGY

Engineer Mike Metts of Dudek & Associates reported. GM Guzzetta reported the Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations to the Board: that the existing Wastewater Strategy Report, as written by Dudek & Associates, and with the Citizens Advisory Committee's corrections, be accepted by the Board of Directors; the Committee also requests that the Board of Directors authorize the Committee to review the impacts of existing septic systems on the groundwater quality when the United States Geological Surveys Report becomes available.

Discussion ensued, and the following action was taken:

MSC Long/Luckman 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to adopt the Wastewater Strategy report, contingent on comments from the Citizens Advisory Committee; direct staff to initiate the process to adopt the \$5,270 capacity Fee for new development within the sewer service area; and authorize staff to implement the other facets of the strategy for new development.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

9. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF BACKUP DATA RECOVERY SYSTEM

GM Guzzetta reported on the system that would replace the current data tapes; with the new system, all data would be saved off-site and recovery would be faster in the case of data loss at the office.

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to direct staff to purchase a Backup Data Recovery System at a cost of \$810 for initial setup and \$710 monthly.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

9a. PURCHASE OF TWO EMERGENCY GENERATORS FOR THE SHOP, K-ZONE HYDROPNEUMATIC TANK, AND USE AT BOOSTER STATIONS

GM Guzzetta reported. During discussion, it was noted that the 150 kw generator will create a lot of noise and will disturb neighbors as it will usually run at night.

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize the purchase of a 30kw and 150kw emergency generator for the shop and the K-tank at a cost of \$17,400 and \$37,200 plus tax (approximately \$4,900), respectively and \$2,500 for electrical connections and to authorize the purchase of sound protection for the 150kw generator at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.

10. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta noted that the Wastewater Strategy and Package Plant Treatment Policy will be on the "completed" list soon.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez asked when Well 17 will be online; GM Guzzetta said that the District is working with Bakersfield Well and Pump to resolve the well issues. An outside engineering firm has been asked to review the situation.

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that three high school students are working at the District under a grant-funded summer youth employment program and they are doing a terrific job. It was discovered that water is being exported from a private well in Joshua Tree to areas outside of the JBWD; staff is following up on the situation. The General Manager has sent comments to Hi-Desert Water District in response to their Environmental Mitigated Negative Declaration on the proposed wastewater treatment plant.

13. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Reynolds reported that he attended Special District Institute Administration training in Monterey and found the training quite valuable. Director Luckman reported that she also attended the training and considered it excellent.

Director Wilson commented in recognition of the recent passing of local businessman Mark Garry, who owned Garry's Tires; he passed away last month and will be missed by many. Director Wilson also commented that during April and May the District spent more than it took in.

The Board went to Closed Session at 9:32 pm.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Property Acquisition; pursuant to Government Code 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiator regarding price and terms. District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta. APN: 603-231-05; 603-231-06; 603-191-41.

Discussion was led by the Real Property Negotiator regarding price and terms as agendized.

The property negotiator was given further instructions. No reportable action was taken.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Public employee performance evaluation; General Manager. Pursuant to government Code 54957.

The Board discussed the performance of the General Manager as agendized. No reportable action was taken.

16. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with District Security Operations Manager. Pursuant to Government Code 54957(a)

Discussion was led by the District Security Operations Manager pursuant to Government Code 54957(a) as agendized. No reportable action was taken

16a. CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session will be held to confer with legal counsel on a matter of potential litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – One Matter – Potential Litigation

Discussion was led by legal counsel and the General Manager on a matter of potential litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 as agendized. The Board gave direction and no reportable action was taken.

The Board convened in Open Session at 10:40 pm and it was reported that no reportable action had been taken during any of the Closed Session discussions.

17. ADJOURNMENT 10:12 PM

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the July 15, 2009 Regular and Special Meeting of the Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for August 5, 2009.