

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 4, 2012

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Frank Coate	Present
Bill Long	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

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

GUESTS 8

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of April 4, 2012.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Luckman/Coate 5/0 to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2012 Regular Board meeting and to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012 Special Board meeting.

7. **RICK COOK PRESENTATION: DISTRICT DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

This item was continued to the April 18 Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Long; Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant : Ms. Radnich reported 2 new garden docents have been recruited. April is Earthquake Preparedness Month; handouts for emergency water preparation are available at the Farmers Market.
- B. AD HOC GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE: President Reynolds and Director Long: No report.
- C. AD HOC RECHARGE BASIN SITE VEGETATION: Vice President Luckman and Director Coate: GM Guzzetta reported that there are several Joshua trees at the recharge site; some can be relocated on the site and some are not suitable for transplanting there. Conservation Consultant Deb Bollinger also reported, explaining that the trees are over ten feet tall.

MSC Wilson/Coate 5/0 to concur with removing 15 Joshua trees at the ground water recharge site, relocating 10 of those onsite, at a cost of approximately \$4,500 with work to be performed by Unique Landscape and Cactus Nursery, and relinquishing five of the trees to Unique Nursery, in the Fall of 2012.

D. ENGINEERING COMMITTEE: Director Coate and Director Long: Legal Counsel Gil Granito explained how Board ad hoc committees and standing committees work. President Reynolds appointed Director Long and Director Coate to an Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee to work with staff and consultants in providing input and developing the strategic plan; the committee will be dissolved when that task is completed.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that Well 10 renovation has been completed; water quality testing is being done and the well will be online soon. District employee Steve Corbin fabricated a piece for the well pipe that will allow some flexibility; he did an outstanding job. Water Distribution Supervisor Randy Little was the project manager. The general manager reported on meter reading and explained the process from remote reading of the meters and analyzing the data to be sure billing is correct.

Staff is evaluating 1.5 and larger meters to see how often they need to be tested and whether or not they need bypasses installed in order to perform testing. Staff is working on emergency alternative water supply for the hospital and county buildings and a long term solution for a redundant water supply.

Field and office staff are working on the budget and strategic plan.

The finance team is making arrangements to convert checks written by customers' banks or bill pay services to be received by the District electronically. They are also making arrangements with County tax collector for electronic payment rather than hard checks.

General Manager Guzzetta reported on the status of several projects.

11. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel reported that an amendment to the Hi-Desert Medical Center may be brought to the Board in the future.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

13. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Coate reported attending the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting; two projects drew bids that were over the engineering estimates; one will be put out to bid again. A quick-thinking employee put out a flyer on a stolen item and it was located due to this employee's actions.

Director Long addressed a comment made by a member of the public at the last Board meeting regarding copying of DVD recordings.

Vice President Luckman commented that she will attend the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow.

President Reynolds reported on phone calls he received from contractors who were considering bidding on the H Tank grading project and who had questions about the project.

President Reynolds re-opened Public Comment.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented on earlier statements by Director Long, and stated that in 2008 some Directors were supported by the Building Industry Association.

14. ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM

MSC Luckman/Coate 5/0 to adjourn the April 4, 2012 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 Wednesday April 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm.