

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 2, 2008

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** By roll-call vote:
Bill Long Present
Gary Given Present
Gary Lovelace Present
Gary Wilson Present
Karl Wyne Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller
Marina West, Chief of Operations
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: **10**

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
MSC Given/Long 5/0 to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2008.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Al Marquez of Joshua Tree read an article stating water haulers in Lucerne Valley may face scrutiny regarding licensing again soon.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
MSC Given/Lovelace 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2008; to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2008; to approve the financial report for January 2008; to approve the financial report for February 2008; to reject claim #CAPR080201 from Verizon for alleged damages.

7. **CONSIDER PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED CHECK ENTRY AND DEPOSITING SYSTEM**
Assistant General Manager/Controller Greer reported that the AudioTel system technology would create significant savings for the District in labor costs. A representative from the company demonstrated the check reader and software. Director Wilson said, "Susan, is there any other company in California that provides this service? So it wasn't put out to bid." It was noted that this equipment is the only one that interfaces with the Incode software. Discussion ensued with the following action taken:

MSC Given/Lovelace 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to approve the purchase of AudioTel RemitPlus System at an initial cost of \$8,805 for automated check entry and depositing, and annual costs of \$2,475.

Given Aye
Long Aye
Lovelace Aye
Wilson No
Wyne Aye

8. ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MISCELLANEOUS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

General Manager Guzzetta reported that two proposals were received for engineering design of three five thousand foot pipeline replacement projects. Director Wilson said, "This wasn't put out on formal bid, was it?" Michael Luhrs of Joshua Tree asked how Nolte found out about the project.

GM Guzzetta replied that Dudek and Associates had been contracted through a formal bidding process and it was initially assumed that as the District's engineers Dudek would do the work. However, in this particular case Nolte noticed the project at a public meeting and took the initiative to submit a proposal for the project; since Nolte's bid was lower, staff is recommending that they do the work in this case. Celeste Doyle of Joshua Tree had several questions related to the project which were discussed and answered by staff.

MSC Given/Long 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Nolte Engineering to engineer three separate projects at a cost of \$41,900.

Given Aye
Long Aye
Lovelace Aye
Wilson No
Wyne Aye

9. CONFIRM DATE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

May 3rd and May 10th were identified as tentative dates for the planning workshop.

10. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

There was no discussion.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

None.

12. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Given reported that he and GM Guzzetta traveled to Washington DC and met with Congressman Jerry Lewis regarding funding; Director Given felt the trip was worthwhile.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

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

- B. Conference with real property negotiators per government Code 54956.8**
Property: PM 601.231.15; 601.231.14
District Negotiator: Joe Guzzetta
Negotiating Parties: Purported Owner Karen R. Norris; Don Norris
Under Negotiation: Instruct District negotiator regarding price and terms.

There was no closed session.

15. ADJOURNMENT 7:48 PM

MSC Given/Long 5/0 to adjourn the April 2, 2008 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 April 16, 2008.