

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 18, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 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
Joe Bocanegra, Interim Chief of Operations
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: 10

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC given/Lovelace 5/0 to approve the agenda of the June 18, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Boyce, Joshua Tree property owner, commented on standby fees and requested information from staff regarding what these fees are used for and requested a copy of the state code outlining requirements for charging standby assessments.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Lovelace/Given 5/0 to deny Verizon claim #CAPRO71319 and to authorize a contribution of \$2,000 to the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation.

7. DISCUSS DRAFT TWO-YEAR BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 08/09 AND 09/10

General Manager Guzzetta presented the draft Supplemental Budget. Items on the supplemental budget included pipe replacement projects, water system maintenance programs, equipment replacement and purchases, and technology upgrades. GM Guzzetta requested feedback from the Board; discussion ensued. Director Wilson made the following comments, "In regards to Well 16, are the control panels still over at the shop? All the control panels were sitting there under the building for the last three years. Sunfair Road and Fourth Street. But you could put pressure reducing stations and feed anywhere in the District if you put a tank on that hill; you could put pressure reducing stations below to feed other zones. It wouldn't be just those houses. Another question

on that, has there been discussion of putting color slats in the chain link in front of that building, one of the residents up there asked me about if it was possible to make it look a little nicer. The slats that slide down into the chain link. On the street side, it's block wall the rest of the way around. Are they still using the chlorinators they've been using for years? Because they were never designed for permanent use, they were emergency purchased way back. Do you still have the welder on a trailer? They had a trailer over there with a welder on it. You have a lot of valves on the south side, in Friendly Hills that are really poor design, they have a shear pin; they weren't even two years old when I was operating them and they would shear off. Most of the time I did it manually because I was by myself. On the dump truck, how many miles are on it? Probably less than twenty thousand miles. Did this ever go before the Citizens Advisory Committee? And we haven't had a workshop or anything on this, right? In my opinion, most of the people of this district have had to really tighten their belts financially and I think that the district should cut this back about ten to fifteen percent on expenditures on everything except mainline construction."

Director Lovelace stated that staff did a great job of presenting and explaining the supplemental budget. President Long suggested a special meeting be held before the end of the month to review the entire two-year budget. Director Given commented that the Board can approve the budget in concept without committing to the expenditure. Director Wyne noted that the amounts are estimates and many items may cost less than estimated.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree thanked staff for a comprehensive presentation and commented that the board should not make any decisions since there will be an election in several months. He asked whether alternative energy sources had been considered for Well 16.

Steven Whitman of Joshua Tree commented in favor of the draft budget noting that it replaces old infrastructure and sets up preventive maintenance. He stated that it would be irresponsible of the Board to stop making decisions for the District.

8. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported that the H Zone pipeline replacement project is expected to be completed by July 4th; Interim Chief of Operations Bocanegra stated that the final "buyout" of the project is scheduled for the next week. GM Guzzetta reported that the district is moving forward with planning for the new computer software.

Director Wilson asked "On the design of the additional work, how far is that? Any one of the phases able to start?" Interim COO Bocanegra stated that the design for additional pipeline replacement is roughly halfway done. Director Wyne asked about the tie-in to C2B tank; Interim COO Bocanegra stated that staff is considering options for the smaller tank. Director Wilson said "Because the overflow pipe and the intertie to the D zone has never been done".

9. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager had nothing further to report.

10. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Lovelace reported that he attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting in Helendale where LAFCO representative Kathleen Rollings-McDonald was the guest speaker. LAFCO has undertaken their biggest project, fire district consolidation reducing the number of districts from thirty nine to seven.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented that the District has an increase in available funds partly due to a rate increase. He noted that the Board President was absent from the prior meeting and asked him how he would have voted on an issue at that meeting had he been able to attend.

12. ADJOURNMENT 8:25 PM

MSC Given/Lovelace 5/0 to adjourn the June 18, 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 July 2, 2008.