

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 20, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Greer, Acting General Manager
Marie Salsberry, HR Manager/Administrative Specialist
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 7

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Luckman stated that Item #10 would be removed from the agenda, for consideration at a later date. MSC Johnson/Fuller 5/0 to approve the agenda for the November 20, 2013 Regular meeting of the Board of Directors, with the exception that Item #10 will be considered at a later date.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Fountain of Joshua Tree asked several questions on behalf of Ms. Kaye Keene, who had requested a variance, and asked that the subject be agendized for a future meeting.

Mrs. Fissler, a Washington resident who owns property in Joshua Tree adjacent to Ms. Keene's property, commented that she understood that her property will not be able to get water service. Acting General Manager Susan Greer stated that is not the case. Board members encouraged Mrs. Fissler to meet with staff regarding future water service to her property.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Fuller/Johnson 5/0 to approve the draft minutes of the November 6, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and to approve the draft minutes of the November 6, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

7. LETTER OF RESIGNATION OF PENNY MASON FROM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGM Greer reported that Penny Mason has been active in the CAC since 2009. Due to a change in her work schedule she is unable to continue attending the committee meetings.

8. APPEAL OF RATEPAYER MEYER/BILL DISPUTE ACCT #59-00275-01

AGM Greer presented the staff report. It was noted that the ratepayer was not present. Following brief discussion, Director Wilson made a motion to forgive \$300 of the bill and put the remainder on a payment plan. Director Reynolds seconded the motion; the action failed due to the following vote:

Fuller	No
Johnson	No
Luckman	No
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 5/0 to give the ratepayer the opportunity, in a letter, to appear at the December 18th Board of Directors meeting to discuss this item.

9. APPROVAL OF TANK ART MURAL EDUCATIONAL PROJECT AT MINIMAL COST TO DISTRICT

Public Outreach Coordinator Kathleen Radnich reported on the proposed art mural project, which will be a community endeavor, with local artists, student artists, docents and others participating. The mural is designed to depict the water cycle here in the desert, complementing the conservation message of the demonstration garden. The tank is located adjacent to the garden and to Park Boulevard. It was noted that the cost to the District will be minimal; about \$200 for workers compensation insurance for volunteers.

Discussion ensued, and the Board took the following action:

MSC Fuller/Johnson 4/1 to approve the Tank Art Mural Educational Project.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

10. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ACWA'S STATEWIDE WATER ACTION PLAN FOR CALIFORNIA

This item will be considered at a later date.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A. GENERAL MANAGER SEARCH: Director Reynolds and President Luckman: President Luckman reported that the consulting firm is reviewing applications and interviews may take place as early as December.
- B. ADMINISTRATION CODE UPDATE PROJECT: Vice President Fuller and President Luckman: The Administration Code will be reviewed after the Rules and Regulations have been updated.
- C. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT: President Luckman and Vice President Fuller: AGM Greer reported that staff is waiting on comments from Hi-Desert Medical Center regarding contract amendments.
- D. MOJAVE WATER AGENCY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Vice President Fuller: President Luckman stated there is nothing new to report.
- E. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Fuller and Director Reynolds: Vice President Fuller reported that she and Director Reynolds are moving forward and hopefully will have a report at the December Board meeting.
- F. TANK RESTORATION PROJECT: Director Wilson and Director Johnson: Director Johnson reported that the committee is waiting to meet with the engineer.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Vice President Fuller: Public Outreach Consultant Kathleen Radnich reported that the docents will meet on December 6th.
- B. FINANCE: Vice President Fuller and Director Johnson: Vice President Fuller reported that she and Director Johnson met and the auditor was also present; the auditor will give a presentation to the Board at the December 18th meeting.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Fountain of Joshua Tree commented that he had called to ask about dates and times for committee meetings and was told they had been cancelled.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

AGM Greer reported on field activities for the month of October including the following information; over 51 million gallons of water was pumped, 358 samples were collected, and 6 reservoirs were surface cleaned. She stated that bidding for the Recharge pond will begin soon, and that tax payments have begun. She reported that she met with representatives from California Rural Water Association recently to discuss possible grant funds for the Chromium-6 issue. Director Wilson asked about expenses for the Association of California Water Agencies Fall Conference and noted the cost of cellphones and television. He asked how much the dinner at Sizzler cost the District; AGM Greer responded that the District did not pay for the dinner.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wilson commented that he had calendars and Christmas cards to give away. Director Johnson wished all a happy Thanksgiving and happy holidays. Director Reynolds wished all happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone to stay safe. Director Fuller wished all happy holidays; she reported attending the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting where there was a discussion of the Affordable Care Act.

15. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel Gil Granito reported that the District's rate consultant has delivered the final draft of the rate study; he urged President Luckman to appoint an ad hoc committee to review the draft study. President Luckman appointed herself and Director Fuller to the Ad Hoc Rate Study Review Committee.

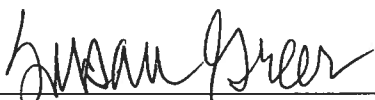
16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

17. ADJOURNMENT 7:51 PM

MSC Fuller/Luckman 5/0 to adjourn the November 20, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted:



Susan Greer, Acting General Manager