

**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**June 9, 2010**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **7:00 PM**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** By roll-call:  
Bill Long Present  
Mickey Luckman Present  
Mike Reynolds \*Present  
Steven Whitman Present  
Gary Wilson Present

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joe Guzzetta, General Manager  
Susan Greer Assistant GM/Controller  
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor  
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary  
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator  
Ben Ruffner, Accountant

**GUESTS: 8**

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Long/Whitman 4/0 to approve the agenda for the June 9, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW DIRECTOR**

General Manager Guzzetta administered the oath to Director Steven Whitman.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Long/Whitman 4/0 to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 11, 2010; to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 19, 2010; to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2010; to approve the financial report for March 2010, and to approve Resolution 10-857 Authorizing Signers at US Bank.

8. **RESOLUTION 10-858 ACKNOWLEDGING MOJAVE WATER AGENCY FOR ACHIEVING ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY, 50 YEARS OF SERVICE**

GM Guzzetta reported that MWA has been an outstanding partner to the District, helping with the recharge project and demonstration garden; they are celebrating their fiftieth anniversary.

MSC Long/Whitman 4/0 to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution 10-858, Acknowledging Mojave Water Agency for achieving its golden anniversary, 50 years serving the high desert as a state water contractor.

Director Whitman commented on item 7E of the Consent Calendar; Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer clarified the District's procedures for check signing and transferring funds.

**9. 2010/2011 AND 2011/2012 2-YEAR BUDGET DISCUSSION**

\*Vice President Reynolds was late due to work, and joined the meeting during Item 9 presentation. GM Guzzetta reported that the budget can be reviewed tonight and brought back in two weeks; in the interim the Board can refer the proposed budget to the Citizens Advisory Committee, and a Board Ad Hoc committee if desired, for further review. GM Guzzetta explained the District's current financial status. Priorities previously established by the Board were reviewed with GM Guzzetta noting the progress to date on each, including recharge, wastewater treatment, system maintenance programs, water conservation program, emergency preparedness and property acquisition for future facilities. The supplemental budget and budget detail were reviewed. Director Whitman requested numbers from the past budget to compare with the current proposed two-year budget. President Luckman appointed Directors Whitman and Reynolds to an ad hoc committee to review the budget, and recommended that the Citizens Advisory Committee review the budget as well. The Board will meet again on June 30<sup>th</sup>. MSC Luckman/Whitman 4/1 to refer the draft budget to the ad hoc committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee for review and for the Board to meet again on June 30 to revisit the proposed budget.

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Whitman	Aye
Wilson	No

**10. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

GM Guzzetta reported; the Board has a new member and should revisit the priorities established at the last planning session. Staff recommends retaining Pat Caldwell who has facilitated the workshops in the past. Director Whitman commented that he attended a past workshop; he requested that budget for the workshop be limited to \$2,000. Vice President Reynolds recommended having the workshop after the November election as there may be a change in directors. Director Long stated that the strategic planning workshop has been a valuable planning tool and worth the cost.

MSC Reynolds/Long 4/1 to set a date for a strategic planning workshop in February 2011 and try to reduce the cost.

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Whitman	Aye
Wilson	No

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented on and read an excerpt from California Government Code 54950 regarding open meetings.

**12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

GM Guzzetta reported that today is the Executive Secretary's birthday.

**13. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director Wilson asked about the status of H Tank retaining wall; per GM Guzzetta the plans submitted by property owner were not approved by County. Director Wilson asked about the recent E Booster water line break – who designed project, per GM Dudek. Is contractor charging, per JG no, the contractor is looking at a redesign and a meeting was held with contractor today. Director Wilson asked about the status of Well 16; GM Guzzetta reported that the Well is ready to go online pending final documentation to the state health department. Director Wilson asked what work is given to Joe Bocanegra and who gives him the work; GM Guzzetta reported he is working on the request for proposals for pipeline replacement and training field supervisors; in the new budget, this work will decrease. Director Wilson noted that the heating bill for shop in February was \$964.

Director Whitman reported on attending the Mojave Water Agency Morongo Basin mini-tour; he has found MWA events very educational. Vice President Reynolds agreed that the “ABCs of Water” presentations are very valuable.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

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

There was no closed session.

**15. ADJOURNMENT 9:30 PM**

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the June 9, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



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Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for June 16, 2010.