

**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**December 9, 2009**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joe Guzzetta, General Manager  
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller  
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator  
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

**GUESTS: 4**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve the agenda for the December 9, 2009 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to Approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 18, 2009; to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2009; to approve the revision in the cafeteria plan for MSE unit allowing an additional \$40 per month and to approve Resolution 09-853 to correct typographical error.

**7. SELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Director Luckman nominated Gary Given for President of the Board, second by Director Long, carried unanimously. Director Long nominated Director Luckman for vice president, Director Given second, carried unanimously.

**8. WELL 17 BIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY REPORT FOLLOW-UP**

District Consultant Joe Bocanegra reported that through research the bacteria present in the well was identified as a common soil bacteria. Consultants are in general agreement that a mechanical and chemical cleanup should eliminate the biological problems. Discussion ensued; staff will be sure that water discharge after chlorination of the well will be diffused to reduce erosion problems. Director Wilson requested copy of Krieger and Stewart report. Further discussion ensued and it was noted that, following chlorination cleanup of the well, water being flushed out of the well will be dechlorinated, and the water flow will be diffused to mitigate erosion.

MSC Long/Reynolds 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize a contract with Bakersfield Well and Pump company to perform the Well 17 super chlorination and well cleanup as proposed in their quote of November 25, 2009 for an amount of \$27,712.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

**9. STATUS OF WELL 16 EQUIPPING AND REQUEST FOR WELL REHAB PRIOR TO PUMP INSTALLATION**

District Consultant Joe Bocanegra reported, reviewing the history of the development of the well and updating the Board on the current status of the well. There have been various delays in the development of the well. A recent videolog shows signs of mineral buildup, partially obstructing the screen. Discussion ensued and the Board took the following action:

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize Bakersfield Well and Pump Company to treat and mechanically clean Well 16 prior to installing the pumping equipment per their proposal of November 25, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$8,201.25.

**10. PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT GIS COMPUTER**

General Manager Guzzetta introduced the item. GIS Coordinator Keith Faul reported that the computer currently being used for GIS was not specifically designed for that purpose. The collection of large amounts of data has slowed the system; the proposed new computer will handle the large amounts of data to be input and is expected to last several years. The current computer will be suitable for a backup for the telemetry system that would otherwise cost about \$4,000.

MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize purchase of a replacement Geographical Information System computer at a cost of about \$13,000 with the old computer to be used to backup the telemetry system.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented that there is no videotaping and asked if there is an audiotape. Staff reported that there is.

Steven Whitman commented in favor of taping special meetings as well as regular meetings.

**12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

GM Guzzetta reported that near the site of the H-1 tank, grading has created about an 8-foot drop near the property line. Mike Metts of Dudek & Associates has reviewed the situation and reported that the District should contact the property owner regarding a retaining wall to hold the slope at the tank site. The county has been contacted regarding inspection of the grading; District Counsel will also view the site.

GM Guzzetta reported that a hearing is scheduled regarding the private wells whose owner has not allowed the District to meter his wells. District counsel is requesting an injunction that will require the owner to allow the meters to be installed.

MWA TAC meeting was this morning; Regarding Prop 84, the draft guidelines will be out in December. Requests and proposals will be solicited sometime between April and July. MWA has a reserve for the pipeline and JBWD's share is \$600,000. MWA has asked the District to specify how the funds should be used; it would be appropriate to specify the Recharge project for those funds.

A very large leak at Copper Mountain College resulted in about a million gallons of water lost; JBWD will request that CMC's contractor reimburse the District for the water and other District costs. Water service to the area was restored in about an hour.

### **13. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director Reynolds thanked the staff for doing a good job with the leak at CMC. His home was temporarily without water; he saw staff respond and restore water service quickly and was very impressed. Directors Reynolds and Luckman attended the ACWA Fall Conference where Governor Schwarzenegger spoke about California's water crisis. Director Reynolds attended two seminars on energy conservation incentives; Director Reynolds reported that the two presenters may have more information on how the District can save money on energy costs.

Director Luckman commented on attending the ACWA convention, noting that she attended the JPIA meeting. She is very pleased with JPIA and stated that JPIA also offers training for all levels. The Governor's comprehensive water package and the Bay-Delta were the hot topics at the convention. Director Luckman attended a seminar that highlighted the importance of modeling. She requested that Directors be taken to see the District's well and reservoir sites.

Director Long attended the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission meeting today; there was discussion of the Governor's "20% by 2020", a proposed reduction in water use that will be difficult for our area where water use is already low. GM Guzzetta noted there was also discussion of planning for an agreement past 2022 (the time when the current agreement will end); MWA indicated a willingness to discuss creating an entitlement to the capacity. GM Guzzetta feels this type of agreement will not benefit JBWD, noting that the District at buildout will have the greatest need in the Morongo Basin.

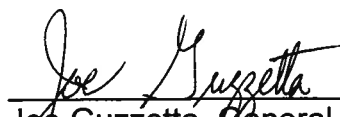
President Given reported that last night's joint meeting of the Board, Citizens Advisory Committee and Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Committee was very successful in planning for the water and land use forum; he suggested a reception following the forum. GM Guzzetta suggested the Ad Hoc Public Information Committee should discuss and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

Director Reynolds welcomed Kathleen Radnich as the District's Public Information consultant.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT 8:25 PM**

MSC Long/Given 5/0 to adjourn the December 9, 2009 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 December 16, 2009.