

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 19, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Frank Coate	Present
Victoria Fuller	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
Justin Scheidel, Engineer
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 10

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Fuller/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the agenda for the June 19, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karl Wyne of Joshua Tree commented opposing the cost for Board members' compensation and training.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Wilson requested that Item B of the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion.

MSC Reynolds/Coate 5/0 to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Director Wilson asked Acting General Manager Susan Greer about several expenses listed on the May check audit report. After discussion the Board took the following action:

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 5/0 to approve the Check Audit Report for May 2013.

7. DISCUSS UPDATE OF THE MOJAVE WATER AGENCY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, INCLUDING PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE AND PROJECTS

AGM Greer reported on the proposed changes to the boundary of the planning area. Lance Eckhart of Mojave Water Agency was available via teleconference to answer questions from the Board and staff. The Board discussed the relative potential merits of having other communities included in the Mojave Water Agency Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (MWA IRWMP) and took the following actions:

MSC Fuller/Coate 4/1 to approve the Mojave Water Agency Integrated Regional Water Management Plan proposed Mojave Region Boundary Expansion to include the Wrightwood Area, Upper Mojave River Watershed Area, Lower Mojave River Watershed – Afton area and the Twentynine Palms area.

Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

MSC Fuller/Coate 4/1 to table discussion about proposed projects related to the IRWMP until the next Board meeting.

Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

8. AMEND RULES & REGULATIONS TO ELIMINATE REMOTE METER FRONT FOOTAGE PAYMENT PLAN

AGM Greer presented the staff report recommending that the District Rules and Regulations be amended to eliminate the remote meter front footage payment plan.

MSC Coate/Fuller 4/1 to adopt Resolution #13-907 Amending the Rules and Regulations, Resolution 97-572, as amended, to Eliminate the Remote Meter Front Footage Payment Plan.

Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	No
Wilson	Aye

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Director Fuller: Justin Scheidel of Dudek & Associates reported on the progress of the recharge pipeline project construction. The project is nearing completion; some Joshua Trees were relocated, and the area disturbed by construction will be hydro-seeded in the fall to revegetate. Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported on the District's new website, noting that it includes more information for customers than the former site. She reported that in October representatives from the United States Geological Survey will give a presentation on the local aquifers.
- B. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT: President Luckman and Vice President Coate: Vice President Coate reported that the committee met with District Engineer Mike Metts and began discussion of the facilities management; whether to have the facility operations staffed "in-house" or contracted out.
- C. ADMINISTRATION CODE UPDATE PROJECT: Director Fuller and President Luckman: Director Fuller reported that review is continuing for updates to the Rules and Regulations.
- D. AD HOC GENERAL MANAGER SEARCH: President Luckman and Director Reynolds: President Luckman reported that the committee has been collecting information and will bring a recommendation to the Board at the next Board meeting.

President Luckman reconstituted the Ad Hoc Tank Restoration committee of Vice President Coate and Director Wilson.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

A Joshua Tree resident commented with concerns about the cost to purchase imported water once the recharge

project is finished.

AGM Greer stated that these costs will be addressed through the upcoming rate and fee study and the District's budget process.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

AGM Greer reported that she will present the updated strategic plan at the next Board meeting. Answering questions posed at the last Board meeting, she reported that the District still owns the diesel pump; however it can only be used in an emergency. The cost of electrical work to a damaged booster station electrical panel was \$355.

12. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wilson stated that for four years he has suggested to management that the hydrant valve cans between Hallee Road and Sunset be exposed, and recently they were exposed; however he feels the job was not done well. He also suggested that management contact CalTrans regarding erosion over the 12-inch water main at Olympic and the highway; he recently helped to locate a meter box in his neighborhood; it was suggested that these be located by GPS. He noted that a recall is a major effort and cautioned anyone who may be involved in a recall effort to wait for more information.

Vice President Coate reported attending a Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission meeting where the IRWMP was discussed and he was elected Vice President of the Commission. He thanked Kathleen Radnich for her report on the recharge pipeline construction. Director Reynolds reported he attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting where an attorney presented information on bills that are relevant to JBWD. His guest at the meeting was the District's legal counsel Gil Granito.

President Luckman reported she attended the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory meeting and the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting. She also attended a meeting held in Yucca Valley for discussion of the IRWMP.

13. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Legal Counsel Gil Granito reported that the state legislature has sent the state budget to the governor that includes provisions that make voluntary compliance with major provisions of the Public Records Act optional for local agencies. The Board will need to discuss this at the next Board meeting if the Governor signs off on the proposed state budget.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss compliance with Public Records Act.

15. ADJOURNMENT 8:34 PM

MSC Coate/Fuller 5/0 to adjourn the June 19th 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted:



Susan Greer, Acting General Manager

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for July 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm.