

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 1, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:	Frank Coate	Present
	Bill Long	Present
	Mickey Luckman	Present
	Mike Reynolds	Present
	Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT:	Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
	Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
	Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
	Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary
	Randy Mayes, Senior Administrative Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:	Gil Granito, District Counsel
	Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 9

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the agenda for the August 1, 2012 Regular Board Meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented that it has been reported that grant funding for the Recharge Project has been awarded, but he believes the District has not yet received the funds.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve scheduling a Special Board meeting for August 8, 2012 to set the tax rate for Improvement District #2.

7. PRESENTATION OF SEMS SOFTWARE

General Manager Guzzetta introduced Senior Administrative Assistant Randy Mayes who gave a presentation on the Security Environmental Management Software and explained how the software is used and how it benefits the District.

8. CONSIDERATION OF CREDIT FOR CUSTOMER METER

Keith Faul reported that the prospective buyer of the property had been advised that a meter was located on the property; however it was later discovered that there was no water service to the property. The individual purchased the property based on the information that water service was in place; a meter has been requested to serve the parcel.

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize waiver of the Capacity Charge of \$3,608 and the Meter Installation Fee of \$1,603 for property 0608-012-14.

9. WATER BILL FORMATTING CHANGES

Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer reported for the Public Information Committee, that the Committee has proposed several changes to the customer water bill format in order to provide conservation information and improve transparency. Implementation of the suggested changes will require programming of the District's billing software at an initial cost of about \$7,000.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing the cost of changes to the bill format.

Dale Pelton, property owner, commented in favor of the suggested changes to the water bill.

MSC Long/Luckman 3/2 to approve the recommendation to authorize programming changes at an estimated one-time cost of \$7,000 plus ongoing support costs of \$1,250 per year.

Coate	No
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Long; Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported the farmers market theme for August is "Ground Control and H2O"; the Public Information Committee is working on "branding" the water district; the District is hosting a landscape irrigation workshop at Home Depot August 22nd.
- B. AD HOC GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE: President Reynolds and Director Long; President Reynolds reported the Ad Hoc committee met today and will bring a recommendation to the Board in closed session at the next board meeting.
- C. AD HOC STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE: Director Coate and Director Long; No report.
- D. AD HOC UTILITY SERVICES CONTRACT COMMITTEE: Director Coate and Director Long; No report.
- E. AD HOC RECHARGE COMMITTEE: Director Long and Director Coate; No report.
- F. AD HOC ENGINEERING COMMITTEE: Director Coate and Director Long; No report.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented that Mojave Water Agency will increase property taxes after September.

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that a review of the tax increase was given at the last Board meeting; the reason the tax has gone up is because property values have gone down.

Fencing is being installed at the recharge basin site. Discussions with Mojave Water Agency and the state regarding grant funding are ongoing; documents are being prepared by the state. Bids were received for the Hi Desert Medical Center wastewater treatment plant and have been reviewed by District engineers. The HDMC board is expected to receive information at their meeting on August 14th; the item will then be brought to JBWD Board on August 15th.

13. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel Gil Granito gave an update on the outcome of the Yorba Linda fire litigation, and reported attending meetings about Cadiz water.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Luckman requested a presentation on the new pressure reducing station.

15. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Long commented grant funds have been discussed several times.

Vice President Luckman thanked GM Guzzetta for explaining about the pipeline tax rate and about the grant funds. Vice President Luckman reported on attending the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting
Director Coate reported will submit his candidacy papers on August 8th for the upcoming election.


16. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for August 15, 2012 at 7:00 pm.