

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 7, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: 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

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

GUESTS 14

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Fuller/Reynolds 4/0 to approve the agenda for the August 7th, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Long of Joshua Tree spoke in favor of having Bob Johnson appointed to the vacant Director seat.
appointment.

Frank Coate of Joshua Tree presented his resume to the Board.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Fuller/Reynolds 4/0 to approve the Draft Minutes of the July 17, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors; to approve the July 2013 Check Audit Report and to approve the June 2013 Financial Report

7. JOSHUA BASIN TREATMENT PLANT NO. 1 (JBTP#1) CONTRACT OPERATIONS

Mike Metts, District Engineer, provided the report. Board discussion ensued.

MSC Fuller/Reynolds 4/0 to authorize the Acting General Manager to develop contract documents and negotiate a contract for annual operation and maintenance for the JBTP #1 with Water Quality Specialists In the amount of \$38,400 annually (\$3,200 monthly)

8. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY

President Luckman explained that the applicants for the vacant Board seat would be interviewed individually. The applicants were invited to leave the room in the interest of fairness. President Luckman stressed that leaving the room would be voluntary and was not required by law. Applicants Steven Whitman and Richard Fountain left the boardroom and Robert Johnson was interviewed. Steven Whitman was then interviewed, followed by Richard Fountain. Board discussion ensued, and the Board took the following action:

MSC Fuller/Wilson 4/0 to appoint Robert Johnson to the vacant Director position.

Acting General Manager Susan Greer administered the oath of office and Director Johnson was seated.

9. NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND RELEASE OF RETENTION TO LUNA CONSTRUCTION FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Acting General Manager Susan Greer reported on completion of the project.

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 5/0 to approve the Notice of Completion and release of retention in the amount of \$2,362.50 to Luna Construction.

10. ADOPT RESOLUTION 13-909, FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION WITHIN ID#2

AGM Greer reported on this routine item that the Board considers each year.

MSC Reynolds/ Fuller 5/0 to approve Resolution 13-909, increasing the tax rate from \$0.0256 to \$0.0264 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

11. APPOINTMENT TO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGM Greer presented the staff report. Ms. Morton, the applicant was not present.

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 5/0 to table the item until a future meeting when the applicant can attend.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Vice President Fuller: Public Outreach Consultant Kathleen Radnich reported that the Farmers Market booth theme this month is “the water footprint”; the Public Information Committee will meet August 21 at 9 am. Further training by Joshua Tree National Park representatives on native plant seed collection and germination is tentatively scheduled for August 30. The District is offering residential water surveys.

B. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT: President Luckman and Vice President Fuller: Covered earlier under Item #7 of this meeting’s agenda.

C. TANK RESTORATION PROJECT: Director Wilson and Vice President Fuller: No meeting.

D. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Fuller and Director Reynolds: the committee will meet prior to the next Board meeting.

E. ADMINISTRATION CODE UPDATE PROJECT: Vice President Fuller and President Luckman:

F. AD HOC GENERAL MANAGER SEARCH: President Luckman and Director Reynolds: President Luckman reported that the position is being advertised and some applications have been received. Susan Greer reported that the request for proposals for the executive search firm should be on the agenda for the next Board meeting; four weeks will be allowed for responses, then a recommendation will be brought to the Board on October 2nd. President Luckman stated she will work with AGM Greer to advise the applicants of the timeline.

G. MOJAVE WATER AGENCY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Vice President Fuller: President Luckman reported attending a meeting where all of the agencies were asked to share their proposed projects. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet Aug 22nd and they will discuss the IRWMP.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

14. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

AGM Greer reported that she submitted a notice of intent to apply to CalEMA for a hazard mitigation plan grant. Consultants are working on the rate study; joint meetings of the Board and Citizens Advisory Committee will be held on September 18th and October 2nd to discuss rates. The IRWMP projects were submitted to MWA. The District also submitted the annual water delivery schedule indicating JBWD’s

intent to purchase water in 2014. The right-of-way grant for the District's I Reservoir was renegotiated with no cost increase. The recharge pond redesign has been authorized; Krieger & Stewart will do the redesign. The Recharge Pipeline is nearly completed except for the punch list; and for re-seeding and charging the line which will be done in the fall.

15. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wilson commented that CalTrans added berms on the highway except for at Olympic where water will wash out the 12" line. Recently the District painted a hydrant across the street from the new school; in 1969 engineers stated that that line and hydrant were to be abandoned.

Director Johnson stated he looks forward to serving and he thanked the Board.

Director Reynolds commented that tonight was a night of difficult decisions and he thanked the people that contacted him with comments regarding the meeting. He thanked all of the applicants.

Director Fuller thanked the applicants for their willingness to serve the community and the District and she's looking forward to working with Director Johnson.

President Luckman thanked the applicants.

16. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Gil Granito commented he was impressed with the interviewing process. Having attending many meetings of this type, this is one of the best he has ever seen.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT 8:35 PM

MSC Reynolds/Fuller 5/0 to adjourn the August 7th, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted:

Director Johnson commented he looks forward to serving on the Board.



Susan Greer, Acting General Manager

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for August 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm.