

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 5, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:02 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: By roll-call vote:
Bill Long Present
Gary Given Present
Gary Lovelace Present
Gary Wilson Present
Karl Wyne Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller
Marina West, Chief of Operations
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: 12

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MSC Given/Lovelace 5/0 to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2008.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

6. 06/07 AUDIT REPORT PRESENTATION FROM MESSNER & HADLEY
Assistant General Manager/Controller Greer introduced Paul Messner, noting that the financial statements indicate a healthy financial position for the District. Mr. Messner stated that the District is well-run and compares favorably with other districts.
Director Wilson said, "Mr. President, I'd like to ask the manager a question. What was the due date on the audit? OK, I saw the explanation, I just want to know the date."
MSC Given/Wyne 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to approve the Report on Audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2007 and 2006.

7. REQUEST FOR VARIANCE: PIROLO MAINLINE EXTENSION
GIS Coordinator Faul presented the staff report describing the project and the property owners' requests. Dave Rodriguez of Nolte Engineering was present and provided information on the Pirolos' behalf. The Board and staff discussed the proposed project and variance requests.

Director Wilson's comments were: "Quick question about that; that partial in the middle at the top, it's fed on about a six hundred foot line now. If you did that as you just described, how would you hook that one up? No it isn't, it's right where that red line is; it's sitting right in the middle of the road. The blue line that goes up the abandoned line, the meter is right on that, right about in there, somewhere in that area. So you'd have to either put in a long service line or turn the main and go over that way. So which are you talking about, a long service line? Yea, you'd put another hundred and fifty feet on it. It'd be another hundred and fifty feet probably." "Where they're putting that twelve inch line in front there, it would probably be beneficial at that time to put a tee in at Saddleback for future. That way it'd be easier to tie into later." "Thinking back, their property is not fed off that four inch; it's fed off of a line that goes from, you know where the meters are where Gasoline Alley used to be? There's a line runs down there and runs to their house. You might have to check that out but I remember we went in and abandoned portions of that four inch because of Gasoline Alley wanting to expand their... You'd probably check with Steve Spitz and he would know but you might find the service line comes off where those meters are up there. It's a possibility. And if that was the case then you could leave their service line on. I don't believe it's all the old pipe. It goes right down the fence line where it used to be Gasoline Alley and the old Mobile station, whatever it is now. From the twelve inch line on the highway, but somebody that's younger might remember better than me. The feed is, I think, coming off that twelve inch and comes down and goes over to their service. And I'm not sure it's even still hooked to that four inch. Not positive. The only way they could figure it out is dig a hole right there where that fence comes in and where the four inch used to go out." "Mr. President, quick question for Joe. They're getting ready to widen that highway. At Sunny Vista and the highway, there's valves for the main that goes underneath the highway that as far as I know have never been located and it should be done before they start to widen that highway. There was difficulties in there because of a lot of metal in the ground and stuff I was never able to locate them, and the main gas main is right in there too. It was an emergency thing put in about ten years ago."

Discussion continued. The Board took the following action:

MSC Given/Lovelace 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to: approve variance request to move mainline out of Caltrans right-of-way, provided that JBWD have recorded permanent and exclusive easements; approve request to terminate at midpoint of the Pirolos' property; deny Pirolos' request to keep existing meter for water service; authorize staff to provide reimbursement to the Pirolos to upsize the required 8" pipe to 12" pipe; authorize a 20-year reimbursement agreement by properties adjoining the 12" mainline; authorize installation of about 670 feet of new mainline at District expense to replace 2,480 feet of 4-inch steel line as part of the Juniper project; authorize JBWD to move the Pirolos' meter and service connection if it is relocated; authorize the District to participate in construction of the 12" line through the Jones Brothers contract at applicant expense if it is feasible and timely to do so.

8. ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR ADDITIONAL PIPE REPLACEMENT

General Manager Guzzetta presented the staff report; COO West explained the proposed pipeline replacement includes portions of Juniper, Veterans Way, Center Street, the easement south of Highway 62, Torres Avenue, Division Street, San Angelo Way, Sunflower Road and Sun Mesa Road.

Discussion ensued. Director Wilson said, "One thing, on Phase One where you list El Reposo Circle to Sunset the area between Park and Sunset was replaced in 1976 as AC pipe, six

inch. I don't see a need to have it changed. And the maps may or may not show, right here on the corner of Veteran's Way there's a hundred feet of AC pipe stubbed out already going that way from this main. It was put out to be added on and that was probably twenty years ago, it never was done." President Long suggested that Director Wilson meet with COO West and staff regarding the pipe replacement projects. Director Wilson said, "Let's see, there was one other thing. The grammar school, they just put in a new hydrant, they didn't put in new pipe. Doesn't the school need to be on a bigger line for fire protection? Because our regulations say, I think, a minimum of an eight inch going to a school, and we only have a four inch. Well they have an old wharf head next to a fence in there and that's about all." COO West commented that staff has been in contact with the school's staff regarding the matter. The Board took the following action:

MSC Long/Lovelace 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize staff to request a proposal from Dudek and Associates Engineers to design three separate pipe replacement projects, some or all of which can be added to the Jones Brothers H-Zone contract.

9. EMERGENCY GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

COO West reported that the District's Onan generator has failed and needs to be replaced; electrical engineers were hired to determine the District's best options to provide emergency power. Director Wyne suggested that funding through Homeland Security might be available; the District will pursue this possibility. Director Given suggested that staff check on generators that can use multiple fuels. Director Wilson said, "The generator that is still at Well 14 was set up to run Well 10; I don't know if you knew that. And the other question I had, I noticed in here on all these estimates, 'components as per Bakersfield Pump'; were they just being given the work with no bidding?" COO West explained that the company only provided a cost estimate for budgeting purposes. "So this will all be advertised out for bid." COO West said that competitive bidding is planned. Director Wilson later asked, "What are your plans for disposal of the old generator and the Wakashau engine in the Well 11?" Following further discussion, the Board took the following action:

MSC Given/Wyne 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize staff to obtain price quotes on: two 600 Kw emergency generators and trailers, estimated at \$186,000 each; obtain estimate for any additional options the Board deems necessary, and; any related equipment and electrical upgrades, estimated at \$50,000, to operate Well 14 and other District production wells.

10. PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER SOFTWARE

GM Guzzetta reported that the District's software is outdated, and the hardware that runs it is now obsolete. Staff has researched several software packages and has determined that the Incode software is the District's best option to replace the current software that is more than 20 years old. Staff and the Board discussed the merits of the Incode software. Director Wilson said, "Was this publicly advertised for this proposal? Did other companies bid on this?" GM Guzzetta answered that several software providers were considered. "Was it in the newspaper and advertised?"

MSC Given/Lovelace 4/1 to Approve Staff Recommendation to approve the replacement of the District's old primary computer software with Incode software from Tyler Technologies; authorize an agreement with Tyler Technologies that provides for \$71,455 for software, \$86,797 "not to exceed" for training and installation; \$18,608 for electronic data

conversion from Datastream; \$2,620 for online utility billing; authorize purchase of new server and related hardware through Tyler Technology at a cost of \$27,000 unless JBWD is able to purchase the same equipment at a significantly lower cost through our government pricing.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Lovelace	Aye
Wilson	No
Wyne	Aye

11. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HDWD INTEGRATED REGIONAL WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

GM Guzzetta reported for the Ad Hoc Committee of Vice President Given and Director Wyne, whose recommendation was to support the concept of a regional waste water plan without committing the District to any course of action. Following brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

MSC Long/Given 4/1 to approve the Ad Hoc Committee recommendation to endorse an effort by water districts, the cities, and county of the Morongo Basin to develop an Integrated Regional Waste Water Management Plan without making any commitment to participate in a regional facility.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Lovelace	Aye
Wilson	No
Wyne	Aye

12. AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D.C.

GM Guzzetta reported that the District's consultants have recommended that staff and board travel to Washington during the appropriations process to represent the District's interests. The Board briefly discussed the advantages of a trip to Washington D.C.

MSC Lovelace/Wyne 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize Vice President Given or other Director and the General Manager to travel to Washington DC to seek federal funding for the District recharge project.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Lovelace	Aye
Wilson	No
Wyne	Aye

13. IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT M (IDM) AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH MOJAVE WATER AGENCY

GM Guzzetta reported that the proposed amendment would relieve the District of the burden of paying about \$120,000 per year in operations, maintenance and replacement costs for the Morongo Pipeline.

MSC Given/Lovelace 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to approve an amendment with Mojave Water Agency whereby MWA will pay for the future operation, maintenance and replacement costs of the Morongo Pipeline; and to adopt Resolution #08-826, approving a third amendment to agreement for construction, operation and financing of the Morongo Basin Pipeline Project between Mojave Water Agency and Joshua Basin Water District.

14. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported that consultants for environmental review of the recharge project were interviewed and three finalists were asked to submit proposals and that the Bureau of Reclamation grant conservation projects are moving forward. COO West reported that the H-Zone Phase II Pipeline project is progressing. Approximately 60% of the total pipeline has been installed and approximately 25% is on-line. Director Wilson said, "I noticed there was a delay on Sunset, was a phone line in the way or something? Did the District incur any extra costs because of that?"

15. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta noted that attendees of this meeting included four members of the District's Citizens Advisory Committee, JBWD Interim Lead Worker Jim Corbin, and Greg Alkire of Mission Springs Water District. GM Guzzetta introduced JBWD Human Resources/Administrative Services Supervisor, Terry Spurrier. Director Wilson said, "Marina, I hear you've applied for General Manager at Bighorn. I guess you haven't."

16. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Lovelace commented on water shortages, and stated that Mojave Water Agency projects that they may charge five thousand dollars an acre foot in ten years.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

18. CLOSED SESSION

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

B. Conference with real property negotiators per government Code 54956.8

Property: PM 601.231.15; 601.231.14

District Negotiator: Joe Guzzetta

Negotiating Parties: Purported Owner Karen R. Norris; Don Norris

Under Negotiation: Instruct District negotiator regarding price and terms.

The Board went to closed session at 9:00 pm and returned to open session at 9:45 pm having taken no reportable action.

19. ADJOURNMENT 9:45 PM

MSC Given/Lovelace 5/0 to adjourn the March 5, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for March 19, 2008.