

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 4, 2010

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mike Metts led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer Assistant GM/Controller
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: 8

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Long/Whitman 5/0 to approve the agenda for the August 4, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Wilson commented that the flushing program was not on the financial report; General Manager Guzzetta explained that flushing is being done but is not on the report because it is a small amount of the total work done.

MSC Long/Reynolds 4/1 to approve the Financial Report for June 2010.

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Whitman	Aye
Wilson	No

7. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION #10-860 ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011

Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer reported, explaining the appropriation limit and how it is calculated. Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing adoption of the resolution. The Board took the following action:

MSC Long/Whitman 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution #10-860 establishing the appropriation limit of the District for the fiscal year 2010/2011.

8. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION #10-861 FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION WITHIN ID#2

AGM/Controller Greer reported that the rate of taxation in Improvement District #2 is calculated based on assessed property values; this is a routine item and required each year. Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing adoption of the resolution and stated that he had sent an email to the District opposing the change to the rate of taxation.

MSC Long/Whitman 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution #10-861 increasing the property tax rate for Improvement District #2 from \$0.0258 to \$0.0272 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Whitman	Aye
Wilson	No

9. PURCHASE OF HOT MASTER COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR SCADA

General Manager Guzzetta reported that the computer being considered for replacement is used to monitor the water system; the computer runs 24 hours a day and a backup is required to assure the telemetry system is not interrupted. Board discussion followed.

MSC Whitman/Reynolds 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to approve the purchase of a replacement computer with hot master backup for the SCADA system from Digital Telemetry Systems at a cost of \$7,055.15 and labor estimated at \$3,656.25.

10. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTER

GM Guzzetta reported that grant funding may be available for an emergency operations center; an assessment of the space needed would help the District to qualify for funding. After brief discussion the item was tabled.

11. AGREEMENT WITH KENNEDY JENKS FOR 2010 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

GM Guzzetta reported that the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) is updated every five years; this is required by the state. Kennedy Jenks is preparing the UWMP for Mojave Water Agency and through that process has already accumulated much of the information that will be needed for the JBWD UWMP; this allows Kennedy Jenks to offer a reduced price to JBWD to prepare the District's UWMP. Board discussion ensued.

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Kennedy Jenks to prepare the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan at a cost of \$35,200 and authorize a contingency of \$3,500.

12. AWARD OF FINAL DESIGN CONTRACT FOR WATER RECHARGE PROJECT

GM Guzzetta reported that in July the Board approved this project in the amount of \$232,000. On reviewing the design proposal it was found that the \$232,000 is for the pipeline design; design of the ponds will be \$118,000. This project was budgeted at \$400,000 so the total cost is within the budgeted amount.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing award of the contract. Discussion continued.

MSC Whitman/Long 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Krieger & Stewart Engineers for final design of the Recharge Basin & Pipeline Project in an amount of \$350,000 and authorize a 10% contingency of \$35,000.

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Whitman	Aye
Wilson	No

13. E1/D2 ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION REVIEW COSTS

District Engineer Mike Metts of Dudek & Associates reported, explaining the engineering and construction review costs for the E1/D2 project related to changes in the project design.

MSC Wilson/Whitman 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize an increase in the engineering and construction review costs for the E1/D2 Project in the amount of \$49,632 for design costs associated with additional equipment and design revisions.

14. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO UPDATE DISTRICT LOGO

Board President Mickey Luckman reported for the Public Information Committee. An updated logo design was prepared at no cost to the District; it can be incorporated as printed materials are re-ordered, at minimal cost.

MSC Long/Whitman 4/1 to approve the updated logo design for the District and begin the process of changing to the new logo.

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Whitman	Aye
Wilson	No

15. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported that a new project list, based on the supplemental budget, will be presented at the next meeting.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Lovelace of Joshua Tree commented in favor of completing the Recharge Project.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing completion of the Recharge Project.

17. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that the original cost estimate for the E1/D2 Project was \$700,000 or \$800,000.

18. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Vice President Reynolds reported that he attended the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Board of Directors meeting; the state is making more water available. MWA is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The meeting was recessed for a short break at 8:05 pm.

19. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with labor negotiator regarding General Unit; pursuant to Government Code 54957.6.

District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta

The Board went to closed session at 8:10 pm and reconvened in open session at 9:25 pm. President Luckman stated that no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

20. ADJOURNMENT 9:26 PM

MSC Long/Whitman 5/0 to adjourn the August 4, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Guzzetta". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for August 18, 2010.