

**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**July 7, 2010**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Susan Greer 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:** 4

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the agenda for the July 7, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Long/Whitman 5/0 to approve the Financial Report for April 2010 and to approve the Financial Report for May 2010.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING WATER AVAILABILITY (STANDBY) CHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011**

Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer presented the staff report, noting that a public hearing is required for the standby charges each year even when there are no proposed changes. Rates have not changed since 1996. There were no questions from the Board. President Luckman opened the public hearing; there were no comments. President Luckman closed the public hearing. There was no discussion.

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution 10-859 Establishing a Water Availability Charge for Fiscal 2010-2011 and Authorizing the Collection Thereof by the County of San Bernardino.

**8. AWARD OF FINAL DESIGN CONTRACT FOR RECHARGE BASIN AND PIPELINE PROJECT**

General Manager Joe Guzzetta reported that the Board previously authorized that staff negotiate an agreement with Kreiger & Stewart in an amount not to exceed \$363,000. The contract amount is

expected to be \$232,000. GM Guzzetta outlined how the project will be funded. Director Long stated that after the project design is complete the project will be "shovel-ready" and can qualify for more grant funding.

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 and Pipeline Project in an amount of \$232,000 and authorize a 10% contingency of \$23,000.

Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Whitman	Aye
Wilson	No

## **9. CHANGE ORDER FOR E-2 D-1 PUMPS BY C-1 TANK**

This item was deferred to later in the meeting as District Engineer Mike Metts had not yet arrived.

## **10. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST**

There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This item was deferred until after Item 9.

## **12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

GM Guzzetta reported that the Hi-Desert Medical Center had a pipeline break onsite; Kelly Stewart of District staff was able to find the correct part and advise them to fix the leak; the Chief Facilities Officer of the hospital thanked the District and Kelly in particular. Staff and President Luckman attended the Mojave Water Agency meeting where there was extensive discussion of the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP); this was a lengthy meeting outlining many of the conservation requirements now required of the UWMP. The Citizens Advisory will be reviewing the District's UWMP. The deadline has been extended to July 2011. The next Morongo Basin ABCs of Water is next Thursday July 15, hosted by County Special Districts regarding wastewater; GM Guzzetta urged everyone to attend.

## **13. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director Long complimented Kelly Stewart for doing a great job. Director Whitman reported the District booth at the Farmers Market is very successful. Director Wilson reported that he attended the Public Information Committee as a private citizen and that President Luckman stated the committee is a standing committee but that he believes it is an ad hoc committee. GM Guzzetta explained that according to state law after an ad hoc committee meets several times it is considered a standing committee and notice of further meetings must be posted.

Engineer Mike Metts arrived.

## **9. CHANGE ORDER FOR E-2 D-1 PUMPS BY C-1 TANK**

GM Guzzetta reported that during construction of the new pump stations it was found that a water main was not located where shown on the map. Re-design of the project was required; staff would like for the redesign to accommodate the future addition of items such as flow meters, SCADA, and generator transfer switch. A lengthy discussion followed with Mr. Metts providing more detail about the project.

Director Wilson recommended that the change order should be done and that the transfer switch, flow meters and other items should be included now because in an emergency situation this is a critical water supply. Discussion ensued and Mr. Metts determined doing all the work now would be about \$100,000 total. Mr. Metts explained the items included in the change order in greater detail.

MSC Wilson/Luckman 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize a change order for \$35,925 and authorize expenditure for flow meters and transfer switch estimated at approximately \$60,000.

Director comments continued:

Vice President Reynolds congratulated Kelly on a job well done at Hi-Desert Medical Center. Vice President Reynolds attended the Landers fireworks and Yucca Valley fireworks to celebrate Independence Day.

President Luckman reported she attended Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee meeting regarding the UWMP; some hurdles are ahead but we are in good shape. The July 19 ASBCSD dinner meeting is hosted by Hi-Desert Water District at the Yucca Valley Community Center; Directors are urged to attend.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented that District reserve funds have gone from 8.6 million dollars to under five million dollars. He feels the IDM bond funds for the pipeline of \$600,000 cannot be used for the recharge pipeline.

#### **14. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta**

There was no closed session.

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM**

MSC Long/Whitman 5/0 to adjourn the July 7, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



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Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for July 21, 2010.