

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 4, 2009

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** By roll-call vote:
Gary Given Present
Bill Long Present
Mickey Luckman Present
Mike Reynolds Present
Gary Wilson Present

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

GUESTS: 6

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the agenda for the March 4 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2009, to approve the minutes of the Special Workshop Meeting of February 11, 2009 and to approve the Financial Report for January 2009.

7. **ADOPTION OF PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED AT STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

General Manager Guzzetta reported that the Board identified the top priorities at the February 11 Strategic Planning Workshop: Replace Old Pipe, Develop Plan and Implementation Mechanisms for Future Sewering, Implement the "Best Management Practices" of the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC), Develop a Public Outreach Program, Complete Recharge Project, Update and Develop Board Policies and Procedures, and Be Well-Prepared for an Emergency. Staff was designated, and timelines set, for each goal.

MSC Reynolds/Long 5/0 To Approve the Strategic Plan.

8. UPDATE ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION

President Given reported that he, Director Luckman and GM Guzzetta went to Washington DC for the ACWA legislative conference. Director Luckman reported that they met with the Federal lobbyists and lawmakers, and that she was impressed with their work; they also met with Congressman Lewis. Both President Given and Director Luckman reported feeling very encouraged after this visit, and that they felt that the District is well-represented by the lobbyists.

9. UPDATE ON LANDSCAPE PROJECT

GM Guzzetta requested that this item be continued to the next meeting.

10. CITIZENS ADVISORY REQUEST TO CONSIDER EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENT SAFETY RECORDS AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES

GM Guzzetta reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee requested that the Board authorize them to discuss and recommend incentives and recognition for employee safety. Brief discussion ensued.

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 that the Board authorize the Citizens Advisory Committee to discuss, and if appropriate recommend, employee recognition for excellent safety records or other actions.

11. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported that the software implementation is coming to conclusion; this month's bills are being generated by the new system.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Lovelace of Joshua Tree commented in favor of the District continuing to use lobbyists.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta had nothing further to report. He noted that Margo Sturgess of Town of Yucca Valley Planning Commission Planning Commission, and Janea Jackson from the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center were at tonight's JBWD Board meeting.

14. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Reynolds reported that he attended Hi-Desert Water District's Board meeting where their sewer project was discussed; it will be a three-phase project beginning with Highway 62 and the immediate vicinity. He also attended a Mojave Water Agency Board meeting where the current drought was discussed; water conservation was stressed. The rebate program was also discussed at the MWA meeting, cash for grass and rebates for high efficiency washing machines and toilets.

Director Luckman attended the Special Districts Institute's Governance seminar where it was stressed that districts need to be visible, responsible and accountable. Documentation and communication with ratepayers were also stressed. Board focus should be on tomorrow, not today.

Director Wilson commented that the gas bill for the shop was high, and that he feels that the management overspends.

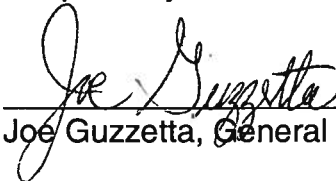
Vice President Long reported attending a Mojave Water Agency meeting where water storage was a focus of discussion. He commented that staff is doing a good staff with completing projects; the telemetry system upgrades are 95% complete. Susan is doing a good job with the computer conversion.

President Given commented that he feels that the Board has accomplished more in the last three years than was accomplished in a past period of twelve years that he was a board member.

15. ADJOURNMENT 7:35 PM

MSC Reynolds/Long 5/0 to adjourn the March 4, 2009 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 18, 2009.