

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 21, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Frank Coate	Present
Bill Long	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

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

GUESTS 7

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman/Coate 5/0 to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of March 21, 2012.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez commented that he believes a Director was given several items of information and asked if Director Wilson had received the information he requested.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Long 5/0 to approve the financial report for February 2012 and to approve the check audit report for February 2012.

7. SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR FENCING AT GROUNDWATER RECHARGE SITE

General Manager Guzzetta reported. After discussion and public comment the Board took the following action:

MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to concur in soliciting bids for fencing at the Groundwater Recharge Site prior to commencing construction.

Coate	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

8. AGREEMENT WITH ED LA RUE FOR BIOLOGICAL SERVICES DURING CONSTRUCTION OF RECHARGE PIPELINE PROJECT

GM Guzzetta reported noting that the cost estimate is based on an hourly rate for an estimated period of time for construction. During discussion Directors commented that they would like to see this item go out to bid. GM Guzzetta explained the bidding process for public works projects and for professional services. He suggested this would be a good item for an engineering committee if the Board President chooses to appoint a committee. President Reynolds appointed Director Coate and Director Long to the Engineering Committee.

MSC Coate/Wilson 5/0 to authorize the GM to put out an RFP for bids for biological services during construction of the recharge pipeline project.

9. STATUS OF PROJECTS UNDERWAY AND FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS

Vice President Luckman introduced Andy Sells of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority; Mr. Sells gave a presentation on the ACWA JPIA.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Long; Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant: Ms. Radnich reported on the successful cactus transplanting at the Recharge pond site. JBWD will host the ABCs of water in November on the subject of graywater use on November 8th. A 13-minute public service presentation has been prepared on the value of tap water.

B. AD HOC GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE FACILITATED REVIEW PROCESS: President Reynolds and Director Long: Legal Counsel Gil Granito reported that the review process is 99% complete.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented that he believed a Director collected information at a cost to the District of over \$700.

12. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported that staff met with the facilitator of the strategic planning process. The facilitator is preparing a priority list in a different format; the current Project Priority List will be included in the new document.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that the well has been scoured and chlorinated and will be swabbed at the end of the week; next week the new column and shaft will be inserted and a video will be taken that will show results of the cleaning and maintenance of the well.

14. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Legal Counsel Gil Granito reported that the Yorba Linda fire case is going to trial in May and there is a lot at stake for water districts in this trial.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

16. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Long stated he was amazed at the comment that \$700 was spent on research; that he had researched this information on his own and would provide copies of information to any other Directors who request it.

President Reynolds reported that the Board had a strategic planning meeting last Wednesday that will result in project priorities with dates. He attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting last night where the subject was the cost and benefits of using renewable energy.

17. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Robert Ellis, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 900168).
- B. Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Ironhead LLC a California Limited Liability Company, Praxedes Beard and Does 1 – 10 inclusive, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 1100087).

The Board went to closed session at 8:40 and open session resumed at 8:55 pm.

18. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel Gil Granito reported that during the closed session he updated the Board on the status of Item 17A, the Ellis litigation. Regarding Item B of the closed session Mr. Granito reported that the Board had concluded the General Manager performance evaluation and President Reynolds had appointed a committee of Director Long and Vice President Reynolds to negotiate for a new contract between the District and the General Manager.

19. ADJOURNMENT 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday April 4, 2012 at 7:00 pm.