

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 15, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at the District's Shop, 6258 Park Boulevard in Joshua Tree.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

By roll-call vote:

Bill Long	Present
Gary Given	Present
Gary Lovelace	Present
Gary Wilson	Absent
Karl Wyne	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: 5

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Given/Lovelace 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the agenda of the October 15, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. TOUR OF DISTRICT SHOP

General Manager Guzzetta reported and stated that in the past the shop had been full of boxes, shelves, and inventory was poorly organized, making it difficult to work or move around. There is no "shopkeeper" position, so the District's field crew all worked together to organize everything in the building. GM Guzzetta introduced Steve Spitz, Maintenance II, who conducted a tour of the shop, including different types of work stations, safety features that have been installed, and well-organized and categorized inventory. Steve stated that he appreciates having the appropriate tools and equipment to do the jobs correctly, more quickly and more safely. He showed the District's air compressor stating that it is an upgrade from the District's old compressor which would only run with the use of clothespins and aluminum foil. Steve has been with JBWD for 27 years.

It was noted that the heavy equipment can now be kept inside the shop, providing protection from the weather and from vandalism.

Following the Shop tour, the meeting reconvened at the District Office Boardroom at 61750 Chollita Road.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING H ZONE PIPELINE REIMBURSEMENT AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Assistant General Manager/Controller Greer reported; at the last meeting the Board approved the reimbursement fee for the H Zone project, similar to the Copper Mountain College pipeline reimbursement fee approved in 2004. The recommended resolution will formalize both actions by amending the Rules and Regulations.

MSC Given/Wyne 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve staff recommendation and adopt Resolution 08-837 Amending Resolution 97-572, As Amended, Relating to Reimbursement Agreements.

8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION ADOPTING IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM

AGM/Controller Greer reported on a new law requiring creditors to adopt and implement an Identity Theft Prevention Program. Al Marquez of Joshua Tree requested the applicable government code. Following brief discussion the Board took the following action:

MSC Long/Lovelace 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution 08-838 Adopting Identity Theft Prevention Program.

9. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO REMOTE METERS TO FORMALIZE POLICY AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

AGM/Controller Greer reported on the remote meter policy previously approved by the Board and recommended that they adopt the resolution to update the District's Rules and Regulations. The Board agreed that Article 13.18.2 and Article 13.20.1 will apply only to pre-existing and occupied properties. Following review of the policy the Board took the following action:

MSC Given/Lovelace 4/0 (1 Absent) to adopt Resolution 08-839 as Amended (Article 13.18.2 and Article 13.20.1 apply only to pre-existing and occupied properties), Amending the Rules and Regulations, Resolution 97-572, As Amended, Adding Provisions for Remote Meters.

10. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

President Long asked about the status of upgrading the chlorination system. Director Wyne asked about Well 17; GM Guzzetta reported that staff is still investigating to determine the source of the problem. President Long commented that the District's planned landscape demonstration garden is being funded by grants and other funds that are allocated specifically for conservation purposes and not available for other projects such as pipe replacement.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that the Water Symposium was very successful and informative.

Speakers were highly rated, and of the water agencies' speakers, President Long was rated highest in the evaluations.

12. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wyne commented that staff is doing a wonderful job. Director Given said that this is the best he has ever seen the District run. President Long reported on attending the PASS EcoSummit and the Morongo Basin Water Symposium. Director Lovelace commented on news reports stating California had the driest Spring in 88 years.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Whitman of Joshua Tree commented on Hi-Desert Water District's projected costs for a water treatment system.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with labor negotiator regarding MSC unit; pursuant to Government code 54957.6. District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta

There was no closed session.

15. CONSIDER RESOLUTION 08-XXX APPROVING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISORY, AND CONFIDENTIAL UNIT

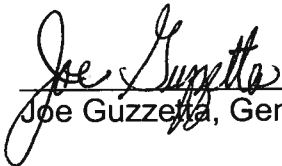
GM Guzzetta reported that the proposed resolution included a cost of living adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index. Following brief discussion the Board took the following action:

MSC Given/Lovelace 4/0 (1 Absent) to Adopt Resolution 08-840 Approving a Compensation Plan for the Management, Supervisory and Exempt Employees Units.

16. ADJOURNMENT 8:08 PM

MSC Given/Long 4/0 (1 Absent) to adjourn the October 15, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for November 5, 2008.