

**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**February 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  
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

**GUESTS: 9**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Lovelace, Joshua Tree resident, discussed actions by Director Wilson and requested his resignation from the Board.

Steven Whitman, Joshua Tree resident, suggested that the fiduciary duty of a Board member should be defined.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was noted that Directors' names on the draft minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 Board meeting needed to be corrected.

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the Financial Report for December 2008 and to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2009 as corrected.

**7. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF GENERATORS**

General Manager Guzzetta reported that the emergency generators to operate wells and pumps were received.

**8. AGREEMENT WITH COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE TO OWN AND MAINTAIN WATER LINES AT THE COLLEGE**

GM Guzzetta recommended approval for an agreement with Copper Mountain College under which JBWD will continue to maintain the large lines on the campus. It was noted that JBWD will not be responsible for repairing curbs, gutters, sidewalks, parking lots or other facilities which could need to be removed in order to repair water lines in the future.

Director Wilson said, "I have a question. When was the District notified they were putting in these new lines?"

MSC Long/ Luckman 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to approve an agreement with Copper Mountain College to accept and maintain the new onsite water mainlines that have just been installed at the College.

**9. INSPECTION CONTRACT FOR COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE WATER LINES**

GM Guzzetta reported that the \$11,100 cost for an inspector to inspect the Copper Mountain College water line was somewhat higher than had been anticipated because the contractor took longer than originally estimated. The cost will be paid entirely by Copper Mountain College.

**10. REPORT ON 2008 WORK-RELATED INJURIES – NONE**

GM Guzzetta reported that there were no work-related injuries in 2008, only one in 2007, two in 2006 and one in 2005. There were only 22 days off work due to work-related injuries for the past four years. The General Manager and Board members Given, Long, Luckman, and Reynolds commended the staff on the outstanding work safety, and asked for the employees to be advised of the commendation. Director Reynolds suggested that a rewards program be considered for outstanding safety.

**11. PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Director Luckman requested that the Board establish an ad hoc public information committee to expand the public's knowledge about the District. Directors Given, Long, Luckman and Reynolds expressed support for the idea. President Given appointed himself and Director Luckman to serve on the committee.

**12. UPDATE ON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

GM Guzzetta reported that the federal stimulus package has over \$500 million tentatively allocated for water projects in California, but that this could change. The State has stopped funding bond allocations including Propositions 50 and 84, pending approval of the State budget.

**13. UPDATE ON LANDSCAPE PROJECT**

GM Guzzetta requested that this item be continued for discussion at the next meeting.

**14. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) ELECTION**

GM Guzzetta reported that the special districts, collectively, of San Bernardino County, have one seat on the LAFCO Board. The Board took the following action, by roll call vote:

MSC Luckman/Given 5/0 to cast a vote for Jim Curatalo, Jr. as the Special Districts representative to the LAFCO Board.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

**15. ASSOCIATION OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS (ASBCSD) BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCY**

GM Guzzetta reported that a vacancy exists on the Board of ASBCSD. With no Directors expressing an interest to run for the ASBCSD seat, no action was taken.

**16. REPORT REQUESTED BY DIRECTOR WILSON**

GM Guzzetta presented a staff report stating that meetings, phone conversations or similar events attended by the General Manager or Board Members are not subject to public discussion; and also that meetings attended by numerous other people did not constitute a meeting with each of those individual attendees.

Director Wilson referred to his letter that was included with the staff report and reiterated his request for information about meetings he believes were held with Developer Steven Katz; and also re-stated his request that all meetings with large developers be held in public.

Michael Luhrs of Joshua Tree commented that the manager and former board president had lied about attending meetings. Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented that there were secret meetings.

Dennis Winberry of Joshua Tree, in opposition to the previous two speakers, commented that it was obvious to him the events referred to were not meetings with developers. Gary Lovelace of Joshua Tree, also in opposition to the first two public speakers, commented that meetings such as service clubs and other groups are not considered "secret" meetings.

Following discussion, no action was taken.

**17. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST**

GM Guzzetta reported that the site security for the telemetry system is nearly complete; the last piece of the new accounting software is about to be put in place; the conduit is complete to Well 16.

**18. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Whitman of Joshua Tree commented in favor of having a security guard at every meeting.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing security at board meetings.

**19. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

GM Guzzetta had nothing further to report.

**20. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director Reynolds reported on attending the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner where the General Manager and the District were recognized for help in landscaping Turtle Island. He attended the Joshua Tree Municipal Advisory Council and noted that the County Supervisor is soliciting applications for a seat on the Committee. Director Reynolds reported that he attended the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting and MWA's "ABCs of Water" presentation. He commented that the State has issued a Notice of Dire Warning to Conserve Water and he gave several water-saving tips. He thanked Director Wilson for discovering that his contractor's license had lapsed,

since he was not aware of that fact, and reported that the problem has now been corrected.

Director Wilson said, "I take no credit for that, Al Marquez got me the information; I just passed it along. I'm on a diet."

Vice President Long reported that he attended the Mojave Water Agency meeting.

President Given reported that representatives of the District will attend the ACWA conference in Washington DC.

**21. ADJOURNMENT 8:10 PM**

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