

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 1, 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: 7

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Given/Luckman 5/0 to approve the agenda for the April 1, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Reynolds/Luckman 5/0 to table Item 6D, "Approve Grant of access easement in Center Avenue between Starlight Road and Moonlight Mesa Road", for discussion at a later date.
MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Regular and Special Meeting of March 18, 2009; to approve the financial report for February 2009; to approve the revised agreement with Copper Mountain College to accept and maintain the new onsite mainlines; and to adopt Resolution 09-844 allowing certain employee PERS deductions to be pre-tax rather than after tax.

7. MOJAVE DESERT LAND TRUST PRESENTATION REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ACQUIRING OPEN SPACE THROUGH A GRANT

Mojave Desert Land Trust Executive Director Nancy Karl presented information about the mission of the Land Trust, and about the property that the Land Trust is seeking to

purchase. When purchased, the property will become part of the Joshua Tree National Park. After discussion the Board took the following action:

MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to endorse the acquisition of open space around Quail Mountain by the Mojave Desert Land Trust.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

8. SPONSORSHIP OF FRANK HELLING’S JOHN MUIR PRESENTATION IN JOSHUA TREE

General Manager Guzzetta reported, and introduced Rich Gerston, who told about Frank Helling and Mr. Helling’s presentations portraying conservationist John Muir. The presentations with Mr. Helling portraying environmentalist John Muir will take place at several Morongo Basin venues in April. Helping to sponsor the event can assist the District in meeting the California Urban Water Conservation Council’s Best Management Practices for Conservation.

MSC Long/Luckman 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to co-sponsor a showing of Frank Helling’s John Muir presentation in Joshua Tree on April 22nd through 25th, and authorize \$300 for the event for expenses which will assist in meeting Best Management Practices for Conservation.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

9. SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR LANDSCAPE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN AT DISTRICT OFFICE AND COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

GM Guzzetta reported, noting that funding for the demonstration gardens is coming from several sources. Ron Gregory of RGA Landscape Architects, Inc. also attended the meeting; he presented information about cost estimates for construction of the demonstration gardens.

MSC Long/Reynolds 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize solicitation of bids for the landscape demonstration garden at Joshua Basin Water District; to authorize solicitation of bids for the landscape demonstration garden at Copper Mountain College; and to authorize an increase in the contract with RGA Landscape Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$10,050 to review the bids, meet with contractors, and provide related services.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

10. DELAY OF PROJECTS PENDING RESULTS OF GRANT FUNDING

GM Guzzetta reported that several projects are designed and ready to go to bid, but are delayed pending grant funding; these projects can be put “on hold” for a period of time to see if

grant funding becomes available for them. President Given suggested putting the projects on hold for three months. GM Guzzetta noted that staff will give the Board monthly updates on the possibility of grant funding becoming available for the projects. MSC Long/Reynolds 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to confirm the postponement of the pipe replacement project, the booster upgrade project, and the H-Zone tank relocation project for a period not to exceed three months, pending notice of grant funds.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

11. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

GM Guzzetta reported. Director Wilson asked if there had been any news on a multi-housing project that was brought to the Board some time ago. Staff has heard nothing more of this project.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta had nothing further to report.

14. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Reynolds stated that he attended the Joshua Basin Water District Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, and said that he appreciates the committee members volunteering their time to assist the District. He noted that, year-to-date, water use is down 6% overall.

15. ADJOURNMENT 8:38 PM

MSC Long/Given 5/0 to adjourn the April 1, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for April 15, 2009.