# JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS February 16, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Bill Long

Absent

Mickey Luckman

Present

Mike Luhrs

Present

Mike Reynolds

Present/via phone

Gary Wilson

Present

**STAFF PRESENT:** 

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller

Jim Corbin, Water Distribution Supervisor Randy Little, Water Production Supervisor

Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

**CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** 

Gil Granito, District Counsel

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 7

## 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luhrs/Wilson 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the agenda for the February 16, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, and to approve the Financial Report for January 2011.

Roll Call Vote

Long Absent Luckman Aye Luhrs Aye

Reynolds Aye

Wilson Aye

# 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

# 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luhrs/Luckman 4/0 (1 Absent) to Approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Absent Long Luckman Aye Luhrs Aye Reynolds Aye Wilson

Aye

# 7. PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANT REPORT – KATHLEEN RADNICH

The Public Information Consultant, Kathleen Radnich gave a verbal and Power Point presentation reporting on the following: activities at The Farmer's Market and related displays being prepared; Mojave Water Agency Toilet Replacement Program in May 2011; School Field day activities and science fair; A Garden Art Show at the Demonstration Garden April 17; and Mojave Water Agency Tour of the Morongo Basin April 26, 2011. She commented on a recent landscape workshop and that there were 32 participants several of whom had seen the notice in the monthly newsletter. Kathleen noted that the monthly newsletter is using a higher quality paper which is at a lower cost.

# 8. PRESENTATION ON NEW E-1 D-2 BOOSTER PUMPS

Randy Little, Water Production Supervisor gave a video presentation on the new E-1 & D-2 booster pump station just completed. General Manager Joe Guzzetta and the Board commended Randy Little and Distribution Supervisor Jim Corbin for their management of the project. There were questions & answers after the presentation.

# 9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE UPDATE

Legal Council, Gil Granito reported on new district employee positions being designated to file form 700 under the Conflict of Interest Code. He noted that certain positions are required to file under Government Code 82700.

MSC Luhrs/Wilson 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 11-867 including Appendix A and Attachment A amending and updating the District's Conflict of Interest Code.

Roll Call Vote

Long Absent
Luckman Aye
Luhrs Aye
Reynolds Aye
Wilson Aye

# 10. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

General Manager Joe Guzzetta reviewed the Project Priority List.

# 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez spoke on payments received by two Directors which he considered to be excessive.

#### 12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Joe Guzzetta reported that the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors has approved the Landscape Ordinance that was discussed at the last JBWD Board meeting and that a meeting has been scheduled to discuss possible changes to the County Ordinance that would address concerns raised by the JBWD Board.

# 13. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Gary Wilson inquired about the test data for Chromium VI and Arsenic in Well #16 prior to reactivating the well. He also asked for clarification on the location of the proposed solar project.

Director Michael Luhrs requested a complete copy of the AToM bid. He also requested that the District Engineer attend a subsequent meeting to discuss the mobilization cost paid to AToM.

Director Mike Reynolds reported that he was en route to the California Special Districts Association Governance training.

### 14. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:52 pm to consider the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

At this time, the Board will go into 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).

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

At this time, the Board will go into 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 reconvened in open session at 8:25 pm.

# 15. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

District Counsel Gil Granito reported on Closed Session Item 1 that he provided a status report and there was no reportable action. Director Michael Luhrs did not attend the closed session on this item for reasons other than a conflict of interest.

District Council reported on Closed Session Item 2 that he provided a status report and that there was not reportable action. All present, four board members, participated in this closed session. Vice President Reynolds left after the closed session discussions.

# 16. ADJOURNMENT

### 8:25 PM

MSC Luhrs/Wilson 3/0 (2 Absent) to adjourn the February 16, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors. Roll Call Vote

Long Absent
Luckman Aye
Luhrs Aye
Reynolds Absent
Wilson Aye

Respectfully submitted;

Joe Guzzetta General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday March 2, 2011 at 7:00 pm.