

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
Minutes of the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 15, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Mickey Luckman	Present
Frank Coate	Present
Victoria Fuller	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager  
Marie Salsberry, HR Manager/Administrative Specialist  
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel  
Mike Metts, District Engineer; Dudek  
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Fuller/Coate 5/0 to approve the agenda for the May 15, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karl Wyne, rate payer, congratulated Joe Guzzetta on his appointment as City Manager of the City of Twentynine Palms. He thanked the Board for reducing their request for reimbursement of expenses. He requested that the Board receive financial reports about the District including fund balances. He suggested that the entire Board should discuss the selection process for the new general manager rather than an ad hoc committee which was recently appointed.

Barbara Delph congratulated Joe Guzzetta on his appointment and said that any Board Members would be a good choice to fill the general manager position.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Coate/Luckman 5/0 to approve the Check Audit Report for April 2013, minutes of the April 30, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Special Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee

7. LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM BARBARA DELPH

President Luckman thanked Barbara Delph for her service to the Board as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

8. SUPPORT OF SB 246 BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

David Larson, Director, and Marina West, General Manager, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency, explained that the Agency was merged under Water Code 33305 Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency state law in

1989. Since that time it has become out of date, containing several provisions that have been superseded by newer state legislation. It also continues to require finances of Bighorn and Desert View to be maintained separately. LAFCO has recommended that the state law be “modernized” to address these issues.

MSC Reynolds/Coate 4/1 to authorize a letter in support of SB246 for modernization of the Bighorn-desert View Water Agency Law.

Reynolds	Aye
Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Wilson	No

9. AWARD OF BID FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR OFFICE SPACE NEEDS

General Manager Joe Guzzetta advised that he has spoken with several architectural firms to ask why they did not submit proposals to provide a space-needs study and master plan for District offices. Some firms were too busy at the time, were concentrating on residential clients, or were not licensed to do the work. He recommended that the District follow a two-step process to re-bid the project: First, issue a “Request for Qualifications” in order to pre-qualify architects that have the proper licensing and are experienced with public buildings. Second, issue Request for Proposals to the pre-qualified architects.

MSC Coate/Fuller 4/1 to direct staff to seek additional proposals through a process similar to that outlined by the

General Manager, and to table Board action pending the new proposals.

Coate	Aye
Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Kathleen Radnich reported that JBWD activity at the Farmers Market has focused on maintenance of septic tanks and protection of ground water. Next week, live tortoises will be displayed to emphasize a water conservation message. Consumer Confident Reports will be distributed by the District on July 1.
- B. RECHARGE BASIN AND PIPELINE PROJECT: Vice President Coate and Director Fuller: No report.
- C. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT: President Luckman and Vice President Coate: No report.
- D. TANK RESTORATION PROJECT: Director Wilson and Vice President Coate: No report.
- E. RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE PROJECT: Director Fuller and Vice President Coate: No report.
- F. ADMINISTRATION CODE UPDATE PROJECT: President Luckman and Director Fuller: No report.
- G. AGENDA COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Vice President Coate:

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Long, former Board Member, thanked Joe Guzzetta for many accomplishments including the groundwater recharge project largely with grant funding. He noted the importance of the Board working together to appoint a new general manager. Steve Whitman gave best wishes to Joe in his new position. He also

recognized Barbara Delph for her many talents, her excellent work on the Citizens Advisory Committee, and wished her well.

## 12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Joe Guzzetta reported on:

Status of the Recharge project noting that he has authorized additional monitoring by Native Americans due to findings of some ceramic shards; status of the Waste Water Treatment Plant noting that the District would be expected to assume operation sometime between September and December and that Mike Metts will present a report on in-house and contract alternatives for operations; status of the altitude and earthquake valves; appointment of two new employees, Jacob Mayes and Ryan Murphy. He advised that at the June 5 Board meeting Mike Metts, District Engineer, will request the Board to authorize seeking bids for the H zone tank and D-3 booster pumps.

## 13. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wilson stated that he believes the general manager does not have authority to issue the Public Information Consultant an I-phone.

Director Reynolds thanked Barbara Delph and Joe Guzzetta for their contributions to the District and recognized his wife, Paula Reynolds, in the audience, whose birthday is today.

Director Fuller reported on her attendance at the Association of Water Agencies conference where major issues discussed included Bay Delta litigation; water agencies from the Coachella Valley have filed a lawsuit due to recent decisions by the Bureau of Indian Affairs exempting tribes from paying for replenishment water; Lucy Jones, Caltech geologist, gave a presentation on the Northridge earthquake where undetected minor water leaks have been occurring in older pipes over the past decades since the earthquake, resulting in recent landslides. She will miss Barbara Delph and wished Joe Guzzetta well.

Vice President Coate read letters from Congressman Paul Cook and Senator Barbara Boxer supporting JBWD's grant proposals for the recharge project and noted that these letters have resulted from trips to Washington by the general manager and board members.

President Luckman reported on her attendance at the Association of Water Agencies and Joint Powers Authority conference. She thanked Barbara Delph and Joe Guzzetta for their contributions to the District.

## 14. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Counsel Gil Granito congratulated Joe Guzzetta on his new position. He reported that AB436, which was supported by the Board, has been approved by the Assembly. He attributed passage of the measure to the support that was expressed by small agencies such as the District noting that it was not expected to pass. It still must pass the Senate. He advised the Board that the District has visited the Ellis wells and is preparing to install meters on four of the wells.

## 15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Amendment of Agreement with Kathleen Radnich to provide her with an I-phone.

## 16. CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed at approximately 8:05 PM, to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 to consider the appointment of an "Acting General Manager" to take effect following Mr. Guzzetta's last day of service which is May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. This matter is reflected as Item 16.a. of tonight's agenda.

In Closed Session the Board concluded its deliberations by appointing Susan Greer to serve in said capacity

for an undetermined period of time. Discussions concerning the compensation for said position will take place in open session at a future Regular Board Meeting as required by Section 54956(b) of the Brown Act.

During the second part of the Closed Session, the Board conferred with the District's designated "Negotiator", Mr. Guzzetta with regard to the negotiations currently taking place with the District's represented employees. This matter is reflected as Item 16.b. of tonight's agenda. No further reportable action was taken.

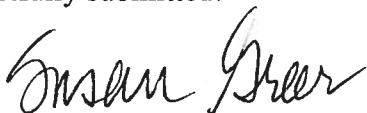
The Closed Session ended at approximately 9:07 PM and the Board returned to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Luckman requested a motion to adjourn in memory of Mike Smiley, local artist and community member, who passed away on May 10.

MSC Coate/Fuller moved to adjourn in memory of Mike Smiley

Respectfully submitted:



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Susan Greer, Acting General Manager/Controller

There will be a Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm