

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 21, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Victoria Fuller	Present
Bob Johnson	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Marie Salsberry, HR Manager/Administrative Specialist
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 3

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman Reynolds 5/0 to approve the agenda for the May 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the Draft minutes of the April 2, 2014 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

7. FINANCE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the responsibilities and functions of the District's Finance Department. Subjects covered included sources of revenue, an explanation of standby fees and other types of revenue, bonds and debts, and preparation of the

District's budget.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A. ADMINISTRATION CODE UPDATE PROJECT: President Fuller and Director Luckman: No report.
- B. HOSPITAL WASTEWATER PROJECT: Director Luckman and President Fuller: No report.
- C. MOJAVE WATER AGENCY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller: No report.
- D. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Vice President Reynolds: No report.
- E. TANK RESTORATION PROJECT: Director Wilson and Director Johnson: No report.
- F. SOLAR PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Luckman: No report.

President Fuller stated that the Ad Hoc Administration Code Update Project Committee and the Ad Hoc Rules and Regulations Committee will be dissolved; and can be re-formed at a later date if needed.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES:

President Fuller dissolved the Agenda Committee.

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Director Luckman and President Fuller. Public Outreach Consultant Kathleen Radnich reported the USGS seminar was very well attended, with over 100 present. The current topic at the District's Farmers Market booth is conservation; next month's topic will be "Tap Water vs. Bottled Water" in conjunction with the completion of the District's Water Quality Report. She reported representing the District at an event at Hi-Desert Medical Center where she educated attendees on septic systems.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: President Fuller reported the committee has taken a preliminary look at finances. On June 4th the Board and Citizens Advisory Committee will meet jointly to review the draft proposed budget. Director Johnson thanked staff for the user-friendly format of the budget and financial report.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Curt Sauer reported attending the Association of California Water Agencies Conference, noting that it was very informative and a good opportunity for networking, where two items of discussion stood out; the new Chromium-6 regulation is to go into effect July 1 after which four quarterly tests are needed. Past testing shows that all of the District's wells have levels of Chromium-6 that exceed the proposed new level of 10 parts per billion. He also spoke about hydro-power noting that the District pays more than \$300,000 annually for power to pump water and an increase of 10% to this cost is expected in each of the next two years. GM Sauer and Water Production Supervisor Randy Little are working with a company that installs hydro-generation facilities for water districts at no cost to the District to see if hydro-generation is feasible for JBWD.

He reported that he and AGM Greer have continued meetings with Bob Tyk of Hi-Desert Medical Center and are nearing completion of the agreement.

The District's printed monthly newsletter will be discontinued and will be replaced by an e-newsletter representing a savings of about \$15,000 per year. The annual Water Quality Report has been completed and is posted to the District website.

Staff is on track with the two-year budget preparation; the draft budget will be presented to the Board on June 4 and June 18.

The Recharge Pond Project and D3 Booster Station Project are progressing on schedule. GM Sauer and staff will meet with Mojave Water Agency and Hi-Desert Water District personnel regarding operation and management of the recharge ponds.

The District has recently used an online auction site, "Public Surplus", to dispose of some items of surplus District property. GM Sauer reported on the items that have been sold through the site. He discussed steps that have been taken to research methods of disposal of the Waukesha natural gas engine and a generator; noting that his intention is to improve the District's current Surplus Property policy and a presentation is being planned for the Board on that subject.

GM Sauer reported on field activities including maintenance of 68 fire hydrants, 4 hydrants rebuilt, and location and repair of other items.

Director Wilson said, regarding Well 11 and the natural gas engine, he did not see how it could be sold for salvage because on September 7, 2005 the Board voted on a resolution that the well was to be put back online ASAP; it has never been done. He described a past situation in a trailer park where he, as a District employee, discovered 11 illegal hookups where water was being taken directly from the mainline.

12. DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Director Luckman reported attending the ACWA and JPIA Conference and the ACWA Groundwater Committee. She stated the Groundwater Committee is carefully watching developing legislation regarding groundwater as it is the agency's position that groundwater should stay under local control. She is also on the Land Use Subcommittee whose priority is to work with land use authorities; for JBWD the land use authority is the County of San Bernardino; another priority for the subcommittee is water quality and Director Luckman stated she is particularly interested in the Chromium-6 issue as it may impact the District. She also reported attending the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee meeting and stated the final draft of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is available online at mywaterplan.com.

Vice President Reynolds reported attending the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting hosted by Hi-Desert Water District where the topic was HDWD's sewer project. He also attended the ACWA Conference where he attended a seminar on ripple effects of the drought and how it affects many entities other than water districts. He also attended seminars on funding, water transfers and drinking water regulations.

Director Johnson reported attending the USGS presentation and thanked Public Outreach Coordinator Kathleen Radnich, staff, and other water districts for arranging the presentation which he described as very informative.

President Fuller reported attending the USGS Seminar and attending a tour of Mojave Water Agency's recently completed Deep Creek Recharge facility which delivers water from the state water project to the Mojave riverbed. She also reported attending the ACWA Conference and the Local Government Committee where the Committee reviewed several pending bills that could affect water agencies. She also attended a meeting of the Groundwater Sustainability Task Force where discussion centered on the importance to ensure local control of groundwater for sustainable outcomes, minimize subsidence, increase groundwater storage and several other topics.

13. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Covered above.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wilson commented that the catalytic convertor for Well 11 cost over \$30,000, and the motor has

disappeared. He stated that, in the resolution he spoke of earlier, there was to be a written report of why the well went down within 60 days of the contractor working on it.

15. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel Gil Granito reported on AB 2403 where the legislature cited the Paharo Valley case. He reported on AB 2040 which would require the State Controller's office report to include names as well as compensation information of public employees, and would require the information to be posted on districts' websites.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Wilson asked to agendaize why the attorney is present at Board meetings for the last 3-1/2 years; in the past it wasn't necessary. Director Johnson stated he wasn't sure if this would be an agenda item, but to follow up on Director Wilson's comments regarding Well 11, he asked that staff follow up with a report on the status of Well 11 and what has transpired since 2005.

17. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went to closed session at 8:03 pm to discuss the item listed on the agenda, "Conference with labor negotiator regarding General Unit; pursuant with Government Code 54957.6. District Negotiator: Susan Greer. District Labor Counsel Steve Berliner to attend via teleconference" with GM Sauer, AGM/Controller Greer and HR Manager Marie Salsberry.

The meeting resumed in open session where Mr. Granito stated that during the closed session the Board instructed the District negotiators on how to proceed.

18. ADJOURNMENT 8:42 PM

MSC Reynolds/Johnson 5/0 to adjourn the May 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary