

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 10, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. NEW DIRECTORS TAKE OATH

General Manager Guzzetta administered the oath to recently elected Directors Mickey Luckman and Mike Reynolds, and re-elected incumbents Bill Long and Gary Given, noting that this is ceremonial and that each of the Directors had been formally and individually sworn in to office prior to this meeting.

4. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMMENCEMENT TO INCOMING DIRECTORS

Directors Luckman, Reynolds, Long and Given were presented with certificates of election.

5. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

By roll-call vote:

Bill Long	Present
Gary Given	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller
Joe Bocanegra, Interim Chief of Operations
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: 13

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Given/Luckman 5/0 to approve the agenda of the December 10 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

7. COMMENTS BY DEPARTING DIRECTORS

Former Director Karl Wyne wished the new and continuing Directors luck. Former Director Gary Lovelace stated that his term was exciting and constructive; he thanked the community for support given, and wished the new Board good luck as well.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Wilson excused himself from the Board dais. Gary Wilson, Joshua Tree resident, commented on the recent election campaigns and contributions and stated his belief that the District is overspending.

Mike Luhrs of Joshua Tree commented that developers contributed to the recent campaigns. Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented agreeing with Mr. Luhrs statement and reiterated his comments of the last meeting regarding campaign contributions.

9. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS IN APPRECIATION OF OUTGOING DIRECTORS

The following action was taken:

MSC Given/Reynolds 4/1 to Approve Resolution 08-841 Expressing Appreciation for Gary Lovelace and to approve Resolution 08-842 Expressing Appreciation for Karl Wyne.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

President Long read the Resolution for the benefit of the guests.

10. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW SIGNERS FOR DISTRICT BANK ACCOUNTS

Assistant General Manager/Controller Greer reported that this is a routine item.

MSC Given/Long 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to approve Resolution 08-843 authorizing signers at Pomona First Federal Bank.

11. CONSIDER ELIMINATING PRACTICE OF HAVING A BOARD MEMBER(S) SIGN CHECKS

AGM/Controller Greer reported on this item which was requested by a Director. Presently District checks require two signatures for amounts of \$5,000 or less and three signatures for checks over \$5,000. Generally, at least one Director signs checks. Discussion ensued. Director Wilson said, "I believe it's the Directors' job for oversight of the public's money, reviewing all these checks." "Since you brought that subject up, schedule of demands, we have not received one since September."

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing automatic check signing. President Long suggested that the new Directors meet with Susan to discuss the issue of check signing.

MSC Given/Long 5/0 to table the item for further discussion.

12. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Interim Chief of Operations Joe Bocanegra reported that the emergency generator has been shipped to the local vendor and is being retrofitted with cables and other connection items; construction of the conduit for Well 16 has begun; some redesign is being done and the project should be done in two to three weeks.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that the Notice of Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for the recharge project has been issued; he explained some of the items under study. He reported on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference where he

attended the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) sessions, noting that even small water purveyors such as JBWD have more state requirements than before.

14. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Luckman reported on attending the ACWA conference where she completed ethics training and attended sessions on "communication in the new age" that described how public agencies can use communication tools such as Facebook, YouTube and blogging.

Director Reynolds reported that he attended Mojave Water Agency's Newly Electeds seminar with Director Luckman, where MWA explained how water is delivered from Northern to Southern California and MWA's role. He also attended the ACWA Conference and completed ethics training presented by Best Best & Krieger which is required for elected officials every two years. He noted that the bottom line is "don't lie, cheat, steal, or hide anything." He thanked former Directors Lovelace and Wyne for their hard work.

President Long reported that he and Mickey Luckman attended the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission meeting and Technical Advisory Committee meeting; the clear message is that water is becoming scarce and there are no assurances for the future.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented opposing the presence of law enforcement at meetings stating that he feels intimidated and uncomfortable. He commented that he has not been satisfied with transparency.

Mike Luhrs of Joshua tree commented with disparaging remarks about directors other than Wilson; he stated he will start his own newspaper.

Gary Lovelace of Joshua Tree commented in opposition to Luhrs statements. He commented in support of importing water.

16. ADJOURNMENT 8:50 PM

MSC Given/Long 5/0 to adjourn the December 10, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for December 17, 2008.