

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 15, 2015

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
Rebecca Unger	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Randy Little, Water Production Supervisor
Jim Corbin, Distribution Supervisor

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
Mike Metts, Engineer, Dudek

GUESTS 11

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Luckman/Johnson 5/0 to approve the agenda for the April 15, 2015 meeting.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Frederick Klintworth of Joshua Tree: Sharing cookies with the group.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Luckman/Reynolds, 5/0 to approve Draft Minutes of the April 1, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors with the following changes requested by Director Reynolds:

Item #9 in Public Comments: add that the Board Chair denied the request of Richard Fountain representing Kay Keene the opportunity to question Mr. Metts, contracted Engineer.

Item #16 in Director's Comments: correct that the County of San Bernardino, not CalTrans was using water trucks to wash the streets.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SHIRLEY BOLHA UPON HER RETIREMENT

Shirley Bolha was not present at the meeting as anticipated. GM Curt Sauer and Assistant GM Susan Greer provided positive commentary, and Susan Greer read the resolution.

MSC Reynolds/ Luckman, 5/0 to adopt Resolution 15-948.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. PRESENTATION ON HYDRO PROFILING – CHROMIUM 6

General Manager Curt Sauer provided some background regarding new regulations from the Public Health Department in 2014 with regards to Chromium 6.

JBWD wells were tested in December 2014 and March 2015 for Chromium 6. Four of five of the wells do not meet current regulations for Chromium 6 levels. Senate Bill 385, recently introduced, provides for a variance from the hexavalent chromium standard for up to 5 years to districts not meeting the standard Chromium 6 levels if following a compliance plan, thus JBWD can be out of compliance while actively working towards a resolution.

General Manager met with Assemblyman Chad Mayes on May 6th in Sacramento, CA. GM Sauer has attended a public workshop, and is researching potential monies available through grants and loans.

Dudek will be actively involved in program development and obtaining grant money.

Noah Heller, President of BESST Incorporated, gave the presentation.
Questions and discussion followed from the Board and from the Public.

The Board received the information on the purpose of funding a hydro profiling project.

9. PRESENTATION ON ANION TESTING

Miguel Arias-Paic of the Bureau of Reclamation gave the presentation.

Findings from this study will be used to determine best treatments for treating chromium 6 with anion exchange.

Questions regarding research on waste products (brine) followed the presentation.

Directors expressed appreciation for the presentation and expressed support for the research proposal by the Bureau of Reclamation to test ion exchange treatments specific to JBWD water conditions, and the potential application to other small community water districts with chromium 6 concerns.

10. APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR HYDRO PROFILING, AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S CHROMIUM 6 TREATMENT PLAN

General Manager clarified that the testing will cost \$28,659, and any additional monies would be utilized for laboratory testing and other miscellaneous costs. Funding is in the 2014/2015 budget.

Completing this testing will put the JBWD in a better position to apply for grant monies.

MSC Reynolds/ Luckman, 5/0 to direct General Manager to enter into an agreement with BESST Technologies to hydro profile one well and receive a report of findings, with the project not to exceed \$31,000.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

11. FINANCE REPORT

Susan Greer gave the report.

Director Reynolds commented that JBWD needs to address the shortfall of revenue due to the decrease of water use by looking at cutting our costs as opposed to raising our rates.

The Board accepted the report for information only.

12. UPDATE ON CREDIT CARD OUTSOURCING

The new system with Paymentus providing the service will be implemented as of May 1, 2015.

The Board received update on credit card outsourcing as information only.

13. NOMINATION OF LUKE SABALA TO THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

General Manager noted Mr. Sabala's geotechnological and hydrologic areas of expertise are especially pertinent and advantageous to the CAC and to the Board at this time, and that Mr. Sabala meets all criteria of membership.

MSC Luckman/Johnson, 5/0 to appoint Luke Sabala to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

14. REVIEW OF STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

STANDING:

- A. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, gave the report. Information about Paymentus and the Drought Ordinance are included with the water bill. The JBWD booth at the Saturday Farmer's Market is busy and Directors are encouraged visit; tortoises will be at the booth in May. The Legal and Public Information Committee meeting scheduled for May 6th has been cancelled. Ms. Radnich discussed a form that is available for reporting wasted water. The goal is to give people and businesses the opportunity to correct problems with water wasting.
- B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: President Fuller and Director Johnson: Inactive meters will be a priority topic.
- C. WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson: The meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2015.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

16. DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

No report. Counselor Granito commented that a decision is anticipated by next Monday on Proposition 285, which has been in appellate court for a year and a half.

17. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The USGS nitrate study has been accepted for publication and will be out in May. With regards to the Governor's conservation order, there is a strategy planning meeting planned for 4-16-2015.

18. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CRWA 2015 Education and Exhibitor Expo: April 27-30
ACWA Conference: May 4-8
Mojave Water Agency Board Meeting: May 14 (4:30-5:30)

19. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Directors that attended FEMA Training Conference last week found it informative. President Fuller attended a Drought Conference in Victorville and will report further in the future.

20. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS:

Director Reynolds mentioned ideas for conserving water.

21. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

22. ADJOURNMENT

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of April 15, 2015 at 8:58 pm

Fuller	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, General Manager and Board Secretary