

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 11, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER** **6:00 PM**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** By roll-call:
Bill Long Present
Mickey Luckman Present
Mike Reynolds Present
Gary Wilson Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer Assistant GM/Controller
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: 10

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/0 (1 Absent) to approve the agenda for the May 11, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with labor negotiator regarding General Unit; pursuant to Government Code 54957.6. District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta

The Board went to Closed Session at 6:02 pm.

Open Session resumed at 7:05 pm.

President Luckman stated that no reportable action had been taken during the Closed Session discussion.

7. **BOARD AND CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS AND EMERGENCY PLANS**

General Manager Guzzetta introduced Rick Cook, the District's Emergency Services Coordinator, and Kathleen Radnich who is the Public Outreach consultant. Mr. Cook gave a Power Point presentation showing some of the damage done by the recent earthquake in Mexicali. He reported that he and District staff are planning for an emergency exercise in June. The District could host a "disaster fair" in the fall; it would be open to the public. Vendors of disaster preparedness products would be invited to show their products, as well as representatives from emergency response organizations such as fire and sheriff departments.

Kathleen Radnich showed a video that portrayed proper and improper communication methods with the media following a crisis. Planning for crisis and emergency communications is an important part of disaster planning.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/0 (1 Absent) to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 24, 2010 and to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2010.

9. EXTENDED WARRANTY FOR LARGE EMERGENCY GENERATORS

GM Guzzetta reported that the District had only a limited time to purchase the extended warranties for the two 600-kilowatt emergency generators. Considering the relative cost for repairs, staff had purchased the warranties. Staff had understood that the purchase order could be cancelled if necessary.

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/0 (1 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to ratify the purchase of 5-year extended warranties for the two 600 KW emergency generators at a cost of just under \$10,000.

10. RESOLUTION #10-856 SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A PIPELINE AND GROUNDWATER RECHARGE FACILITY

GM Guzzetta reported that the grant proposal had recently been submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation; the last requirement for the proposal is the resolution of the Board supporting it. The Board took the following action:

MSC Reynolds/Long 3/0 (1 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution #10-856 Supporting the Submittal of a Grant Proposal to the Bureau of Reclamation for a Pipeline and Groundwater Recharge Facility.

11. SPONSORSHIP OF JOSHUA TREE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER

GM Guzzetta reported that the Chamber of Commerce had requested that the District host a mixer on the 27th of this month at the demonstration garden. The garden was only recently completed and this will be a good opportunity for more community members to tour and appreciate it.

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/0 (1 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to sponsor the May 27th Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce mixer at the Joshua Tree Water-Wise Demonstration Garden.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that staff is seeking grant funds for the Recharge project; a grant proposal was submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation and another proposal will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The General Manager has been working with the District engineer and Hi-Desert Medical Center to plan for a package wastewater treatment plant that will be needed for the medical center's proposed expansion.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Reynolds stated that he attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Spring Conference and was impressed with the information that he gained there; he will discuss the conference further at the next meeting. President Luckman stated that she also attended the ACWA conference and received much valuable information.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/0 (1 Absent) to adjourn the May 11, 2010 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 May 19, 2010.