

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 16, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:02 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Jim Corbin, Construction/Maintenance Leadworker

GUESTS: 5

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the agenda for the September 16, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Long/Luckman 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 19, 2009 and to approve the financial report for July 2009.

7. WASTEWATER CAPACITY CHARGE

General Manager Guzzetta gave the staff report noting that the \$5,270 Wastewater capacity fee per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) is the last piece of the wastewater strategy previously approved by the Board. The fee will apply to most new development within a 35 square mile area of the District but will not affect any existing homes or businesses. The new fee will pay for an estimated \$91 million sewer system and treatment plant whenever it is needed in the future.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree stated that he sent an email to the GM earlier in the day stating that he objects to the Capacity Fee because he believes that it will pay for less than 50% of the cost. The General Manager confirmed that the fee was set to collect the entire \$91

million that would be needed in today's dollars to construct the wastewater treatment system.

The Board extensively discussed details of the fee.

MSC Reynolds/Long 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to adopt Resolution 09-851 establishing a Wastewater Capacity Charge of \$5,270 per equivalent dwelling unit; to amend the District Rules and Regulations implementing the fee, and to exempt the first 25 equivalent dwelling units prior to September 1, 2010.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

8. ACWA REGION 9 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

GM Guzzetta reported on the Association of California Water Agencies election.

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to cast a vote only for Art Bishop, Mojave Water Agency Director, for Region 9 Board Member of the Association of California Water Agencies.

9. PURCHASE OF USED TRACTOR

GM Guzzetta and Construction/Maintenance Leadworker Jim Corbin reported, noting that the proposed tractor would be used to repair dirt roads after excavating for water repairs, and would be used to grade roads to the reservoirs.

MSC Luckman/Long 4/1 to approve staff recommendation to authorize the purchase of a pre-owned 2005 John Deere 210 tractor from RDO at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

11. GENERAL MANAGER COMPENSATION

Board members stated that they followed an extensive evaluation process in closed session over the past few months considering performance such as customer relations, completing projects, budgetary matters, community relations, and employee development. After discussion the following action was taken:

MSC Long/Luckman 4/1 to increase the General Manager's compensation by three percent and to amend the employment agreement with the General Manager to discontinue the auto allowance and increase compensation by the same amount, effective at the next pay period.

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

12. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

The list was reviewed without discussion.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree noted that expenditures for July and August exceed revenue. The Board noted that those months include expenditures such as bond payments that are made once a year, and that revenues and expenditures are not flat throughout the year.

14. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that crews were repairing a number of defective valves in the H-Zone that were installed in the mid-1990s and are expecting the manufacturer to assist with the cost. Bakersfield Well and pump is scheduling the completion of Well #16, and Krieger and Stewart Engineers are expected to complete their review of Well #17.

15. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Luckman confirmed that the Land Use and Water Policy Forum is scheduled for Thursday evening, November 19, and Friday all day, November 20.

Director Wilson questioned why the Waterline Report encourages drinking tap water instead of bottled water, but the District purchases bottled water. The General Manager explained that bottled water is only used when convenience is important such as for crews when they are in the field.

Director Reynolds reported attending the Demonstration Garden Groundbreaking Ceremony along with Directors Given, Long, and Luckman, and staff; and thanked Al Marquez for watching over the District finances.

16. ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the September 16, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 7, 2009.