

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 21, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Bill Long	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Michael Luhrs	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Gary Wilson	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Gil Granito, District Counsel
Deborah Bollinger, Conservation Coordinator
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 20

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the Agenda for the September 21, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Victoria Fuller of Joshua Tree spoke in support of the District's water rates, plans for groundwater recharge and wastewater treatment, including the agreement with Hi-Desert Medical Center.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2001.

7. RESOLUTION HONORING STEVE SPITZ ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

President Luckman read Resolution 11-875 that noted several of Steve Spitz's accomplishments over his 30 years of service as a District employee.

MSC Reynolds/Wilson 5/0 to Adopt Resolution 11-875 of the Board of Directors of the Joshua Basin Water District Expressing Their Appreciation for Steve Spitz.

Director Wilson commented on working with Steve for a number of years, noting that Steve has been a very reliable and devoted worker for the District; he wished Steve the best in his retirement.

Jim Corbin, Maintenance and Distribution Supervisor, commented on Steve's great work, wonderful attitude and extensive knowledge about the District. He noted Steve's love for his family, and that the nature of the job requires working in extreme temperatures and conditions which Steve has done many times.

GM Guzzetta thanked Steve and noted that he has provided thousands of GPS locations of system

components for the District's digital mapping system. He thanked Steve for all of his hard work. President Luckman congratulated Steve, stating that he will be missed at the District. Steve Spitz commented that the District's field crew can now handle anything; they go to the extra effort to make sure jobs are done excellently and show great teamwork.

8. CONSERVATION COORDINATOR REPORT

Conservation Coordinator Deborah Bollinger reported on the District's conservation program, noting the District is doing a good job at conservation. She reported the District's "gallons per capita per day" (GPCD) use is down to 151, well under the target of 211 GPCD set by the state's current "20% by 2020" guidelines. She described the many efforts supporting conservation including public outreach events and information distribution, landscape workshops, school education programs, leak detection program, toilet exchange program, and many others. Most of the conservation activities were funded by the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation (AWAC), of which the District is a member; however AWAC's funding has been cut by 88% now. She suggested self-funding or looking for opportunities to partner with other organizations for future water conservation programs. There were no questions or discussion.

9. ASBCSD OCTOBER MEETING HOSTING

Executive Secretary Marie Salsberry reported that Joshua Basin Water District will host the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts monthly dinner meeting on October 17th. Costs related to hosting are expected to be covered by the per-person dinner charge assuming that the meeting will be well-attended. Staff requested approval of a small amount of money in case of unexpected low attendance, to cover the cost of hosting the event.

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve staff recommendation that the Board recommend and approve the District hosting the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts meeting on October 17 with approval of a nominal setup cost of between 100 to 500 dollars.

10. AGREEMENT BETWEEN HI-DESERT MEDICAL CENTER AND JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT FOR PACKAGE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

District Counsel Gil Granito reported that this item was continued from the September 7th Board meeting due to specific concerns expressed by Director Luhrs. He reported that Director Luhrs agreed to meet with him to discuss the item however schedules did not allow for the meeting, and he expected that Director Luhrs would request the item to be taken off the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Granito stated that he expected that Director Luhrs would make a commitment to meet with him regarding the issue so that the issue can be discussed at a future meeting.

Director Luhrs made a motion to table the item until he could meet with District Counsel to discuss his concerns; second by Director Long:

MSC Luhrs /Long 4/0 (Director Reynolds abstain) to table the item for discussion at a future meeting so that Director Luhrs can meet with District Counsel to discuss his concerns.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Public Information Committee: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant:** Ms. Radnich reported that the water wise demonstration station was being used at farmers market where attendees were given water efficient devices after seeing the demonstration. The Public Information Committee is working on updating website. The District will host "The ABCs of Water" focusing on careers in water November 9 at the Joshua Tree Community Center. She reported on the water district picnic, thanking staff who donated their time.
- B. **Ad Hoc General Manager Performance Facilitated Review Process: Vice President Reynolds and Director Long:** Vice President Reynolds reported he has sent a request for an official proposal and

expects a reply soon.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Guzzetta reported that Mojave Water Agency was notified they have received eight million dollars in grant funding, three million of which is committed to JBWD for the Groundwater Recharge Project.

14. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Director Wilson made no comment. Director Luhrs made no comment. Director Long made no comment. Vice President Reynolds reported that the water district picnic was fun and congratulated employee Dan Bock on winning the "backhoe rodeo". President Luckman thanked everyone for attending and called a brief recess in order for attendees to celebrate Steve Spitz's service to the District and upcoming retirement. GM Guzzetta stated no action was expected to be taken during the closed session. District Counsel Granito stated that Items B and C would be discussed during the closed session. The meeting recessed at 7:50 and resumed in Closed Session at 8:05.

15. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Robert Ellis, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 900168).

B. Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Ironhead LLC a California Limited Liability Company, Praxedes Beard and Does 1 – 10 inclusive, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 1100087).

C. At this time, the Board will go into Closed Session to confer with Legal Counsel on a matter of potential litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (one matter – unidentified)

16. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Following the closed session District Counsel Granito reported the following: for Closed Session item B, a status report was given and there was discussion; no reportable action was taken; for Closed Session item C, GM Guzzetta presented a status report and led a discussion and no reportable action was taken.

17. CONSIDERATION OF REINSTATING CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICES COMPANY

GM Guzzetta stated he had nothing to report; the item was continued to the next meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT 8:25 PM

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to adjourn the September 21, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday October 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm.