

JOSHUA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT (JWCD)
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON
FEBRUARY 8, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M.
District Website: districtsapecial.org/jwcd

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. Jerry Newlin, President
Mr. Donald Hovey, Supervisor
Mr. Richard Strickland, Supervisor

DISTRICT MANAGER/SEC.TREASURER

Ms. Dana Clement

FIELD OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Mr. James Shattles

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Babs Lawton, Secretary
Mr. Andrew Mardis, Caretaker
Mr. Lenny Lempenau, Landowner
Mr. Steve Varner, Landowner
Mr. Kevin Shelfer, Landowner
Mr. George Iverson, Landowner
Mr. William Iverson, Landowner

1) **SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

a) **MR. NEWLIN CALLS THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mr. Newlin called the monthly meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the District's offices located at 12008 N.E. Highway 70, Arcadia, Florida, on Monday, February 8, 2016.

2) **HIGH PRESSURE WASH SYSTEM**

Mr. Newlin said a special meeting is being held due to a landowner filing a formal complaint in regards to the district's requirement of utilizing the high pressure wash system to spray off equipment, tubs and ladders. Especially when there is no disinfectant soap going through the system. The landowner has stated that it is a waste of labor and a hardship on the grower.

Mr. Newlin said that he would like to discuss what landowners can do in terms of disinfecting. Mr. Newlin said that back in the late 1990's, it was required by law, that every person, and every vehicle entering and exiting the district were to be disinfected due to citrus canker.

Mr. Newlin said that over time, all growers have had canker and the disinfectant seemed to be a waste of tax dollars and time so JWCD stopped the personnel disinfecting, and the ingress/egress disinfecting, but it continued with the requirement of utilizing the high pressure wash, mainly for the harvesting equipment.

Mr. Varner said that that he moves a lot of equipment in and out of JWCD, and for a crew to spray the harvesting equipment takes over 90 minutes. Mr. Varner said that he is losing money on this requirement and a disinfectant soap is not even being utilized. Mr. Varner said that he is not against the procedure, but what is the district trying to accomplish by not utilizing any product.

Mr. Varner said that if the district is aiming to remove debris off of the equipment, it is not doing a very good job if growers are only cleaning the harvesting equipment, as the biggest culprit of debris are the fruit trailers. All attendees concurred.

Mr. Varner asked Mr. Newlin what JWCD is trying to achieve, what is the target. Mr. Newlin said that the main goal is black spot. Mr. Varner said that if JWCD is only going to use water for that purpose, then it is a waste of time and effort. Mr. Iverson and Mr. Lempenau agreed.

After much discussion, Mr. Strickland made a motion to discontinue the mandatory high pressure wash requirement for equipment, ladders, tubs, etc. coming into the grove, with the exception of the hedger machines which will be required to spray down with a disinfectant product in the spray. Mr. Hovey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3) CALL FOR NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

a) PSYLLIDS

Mr. Newlin said that he attends a lot of meetings at the Citrus Research and Development Foundation and that scientists have real data from Brazil and Florida, which shows that when growers spray together, it reduces the psyllid populations.

Mr. Newlin said that psyllids will move into a different area after another area has been sprayed so it is critical to have a coordinated spray. Mr. Newlin said that he is proposing that the growers try to coordinate spraying together, the best that they can to keep the psyllid population from moving back and forth.

Mr. Iverson asked what good it does to kill the psyllid if there is already greening on the tree. Mr. Newlin responded that it is the young trees which benefit and the longer the grower can keep those trees protected and keep the psyllid populations knocked down, the better.

Mr. Newlin said that the timing of the applications are more important than the material, and said that timing and cooperation works best. Mr. Newlin said that if growers want to see better results, they need to get the chemistry and application the same.

Mr. Newlin requested that the other growers contact him so that there is coordination of products and spraying time applications amongst the growers within the district and its neighboring growers to achieve the best results for all.

4) CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5) PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

“Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the District with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need

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a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.”

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Newlin adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Clement
Secretary/Treasurer
Joshua Water Control District