

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Floen called the board meeting to order at 5:31 pm.
2. CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCING NOTIFICATIONS OR REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS.
No requests were received.
3. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – President Floen, Vice President Doolittle, Director Jarlsberg, Director Short.
STAFF PRESENT –
Anne Roman, Director of Finance, Autumn Rich, Accounting Supervisor, David Shook, Director of Administration, Jeremiah Nazario, Interim Director of Operations, Lisa Thompson, Executive Assistant, Sarah Johnson, General Manager attended by phone.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT – none

CONSULTANTS PRESENT –
Kathleen Radnich, Public Information Consultant, Jeff Hoskinson, Legal Counsel
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –
1st - Jarlsberg
2nd - Short
4/0/0 motion carried.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
6. CONSENT CALENDAR
DRAFT MINUTES – 03.15.23
1st - Short
2nd - Doolittle
4/0/0 motion carried to approve 03.15.23 draft minutes.
7. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION: None
8. ACTION CALENDAR
 - A. RECOGNIZE AND THANK KAREN TRACY FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE CAC
The Board of Directors thanked Karen Tracy for her years of service on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee. President Floen presented Karen Tracy with a Certificate of Appreciation.
 - B. SALOON PIPELINE PROJECT
Interim Director of Operations, Jeremiah Nazario reported that in the month of March 2023, staff replaced the pipeline in the easement located directly south of the JT Saloon. The original 4” steel wrapped mainline was installed in that area in 1968 and had fully reached its life span. This area has been problematic for quite some time, contributing to water loss (estimated water loss of 150,000 gallons of water lost just this year alone), disruption of service to local businesses, and posing safety concerns with water flooding onto very busy Twentynine Palms Highway. As such, staff chose to move forward with a project considered to be urgent. The District’s CIRP team, led by Supervisor Brandon

Warner, replaced 660' pipe with 8" C909 plastic pipe along with seven new service lines between Park Blvd and El Reposo. In addition, three inline isolation valves were added, along with tying into two water sources instead of the original just one source, improving the water quality that staff takes so much pride in. This project took three weeks to complete. The quick turnaround allowed CIRP to get back on track with the ongoing facility maintenance and the installation of new water mains. Staff recommended that the Board approve an amendment (addition) to the Capital Budget for \$45,000 to be reimbursed by the Capital Reserve Fund at fiscal year-end.

Director Short said that he was impressed with the saloon pipeline project when he went out to see the work in progress. President Floen mentioned that the saloon pipeline project job was very nicely done by our field staff.

1st - Doolittle

2nd - Jarlsberg

4/0/0 motion carried to receive report and approve the capital budget amendment of \$45,000.

C. FACILITY USE REQUEST - MORONGO BASIN CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION REQUEST THE USE OF THE DISTRICT'S DEMONSTRATION GARDEN FOR THE UPCOMING LANDSCAPE TOURS

Vice President Doolittle recused to vote for the request to the use of the District's demonstration garden for the upcoming landscape tours, since she is on the Board of Directors. Laraine Turk, Secretary of the Morongo Basin Conservation Association presented herself to the Board. Turk shared that the MBCA is a community based, California Nonprofit Corporation has been around since 1969, and devoted to desert wise conservation to preserve the natural beauty of healthy ecosystems. Turk mentioned that Mojave Water Agency has provided MBCA grant funding and hopes to expand the conservation awareness to the community for a good cause. Director Jarlsberg wanted to know the dates of the upcoming landscape tours. Turk said that the tour will be on April 23, 2023, from 9am to 4pm. They plan on charging \$10 per person. Turk mentioned that there are usually about 70 -100 people that attend throughout the day with previous landscape tours. Jarlsberg shared that she thinks that the landscape tours would be a good idea to promote conservation to the community. The cost for the landscape tour would be the District's Public Outreach Consultant, Kathleen Radnich's time. Radnich mentioned that the last time there was a landscape tour there was an ad that was about \$600 to promote landscape tour. Radnich shared that they used volunteers and didn't charge people for the landscape tour last year. Director Short wanted to know if people can send a donation for the tour, which would go towards the demonstration garden. President Floen shared that liked the idea of promoting conservation with the community.

1st – Short

2nd - Jarlsberg

4/0/0 motion carried to consider and vote on the request to use facilities, with authorization to General Manager to prepare agreement with proper indemnification and insurance protections.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

For informational purposes only on subjects not covered by the agenda. No action is to be taken.

A. DIRECTOR REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice President Doolittle attended the April 5, 2023, WRO Committee meeting and noted that staff is building guard railing for support on tank sites. Doolittle shared that she took attended the ACWA Region 9 Salton Sea Tour by bus on March 27, 2023. She learned about the extraction of lithium from the Salton Sea, and about the disadvantaged communities in the area. Director Jarlsberg mentioned that she attended the ACWA Region 9 Salton Sea tour, which was a very luxurious bus tour and they

gave out a nice baseball caps. Jarlsberg said that she learned a lot about the issues within the communities in the area, habitat for wild birds, and given hope that Salton Sea could potentially come back. President Floen attended the MWA meeting and shared that MWA discussed coming up with a strategy of writing and implementing a master plan to establish new ways to facilitate growth, development, and fresh ideas. Floen shared that he attended CMM breakfast and spoke with Gary Hund, a former Board member.

10. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS

- A. Special Meeting – WRO Committee – 04/05/22 at 8:00am - Doolittle/Jarlsberg
- B. Special Meeting – Finance Committee – 04/05/23 at 9:00am – Jarlsberg/Floen
- C. MWA – TAC 04/06/23 at 10:00am - Jarlsberg
- D. MWA – Board Meeting 04/13/23 at 9:30am - Doolittle
- E. ASBCSD Dinner – Rancho Cucamonga – 04/17/23 at 6:00pm - TBD
- F. Regular Board Meeting – 04/19/23 at 5:30pm - All
- G. Special Board Meeting – Emergency Management Training – 04/26/23 at 11:30am – All
- H. MWA – Board Meeting – 04/27/23 at 9:30am - Floen

B. ADJOURNMENT

1st – Doolittle

2nd -Short

President Floen called the board to adjourn at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Johnson, General Manager & Board Secretary






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