

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Unger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. via teleconference.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – President Unger asked for a rollcall and the following Directors were present; President Unger, Vice President Floen, Director Doolittle, Director Jarlsberg, and Director Reynolds are present.

STAFF PRESENT –Mark Ban, General Manager, Anne Roman, Director of Finance, Jim Corbin, Director of Operations, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, Autumn Rich, Accounting Supervisor and Beverly Krushat, Executive Assistant are in attendance via teleconference.

CONSULTANTS PRESENT – Kathleen Radnich, Public Information Consultant and Jeff Hoskinson, Legal Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Floen/Doolittle) 3/0/2 motion carried to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR –

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Floen/Doolittle) 5/0/0 motion carried to approve the the regular meeting Draft Minutes of 11-03-2021. The approval of the September 2021 check register was returned to the Finance Committee for approval and to be brought back to the Board of Directors for approval at the December meeting.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2021 DESERT WISE LIVING LANDSCAPE TOUR – Mr. Steve Bardwell, President of the Morongo Basin Conservation Association (MBCA) gave a presentation on how to incorporate and inspire viewers to adopt desert wise living principles with water and energy efficiency. A brief Q&A followed. The presentation was received for information only and no action was taken.

Director Jarlsberg left the Board of Directors meeting at 5:54 p.m.

LAIF INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE 2020/21 – Director Anne Roman gave the staff report and informed the Board that as the primary investment vehicle for the for the District, LAIF or the Local Agency Investment Fund, is a secure and liquid investment option authorized in the District’s approved Investment Policy. A brief Q&A followed. The Board of Directors received for information only and no action was taken.

DISCONTINUANCE OF “FIRE SPRINKLER” EXEMPTION TO METER EXCHANGE (UPGRADE) CAPACITY FEE CHARGES – Director Anne Roman gave the staff report and informed the Board that since all new customers are required by the County to install a 1” meter, it no longer makes sense to provide this exemption.

Director Anne Roman intends to instruct staff to discontinue quoting this exemption to capacity charges for fire sprinkler purposes. Unless contrary direction is received from the Board, we intend to begin enforcing the existing Capacity charges for customer requested meter exchanges (upgrades), without exemption, beginning 12/01/2021. A brief Q&A followed. The Board of Directors received for information only and no action was taken.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – General Manager Ban gave updates on the following:

- Department of Water Resources (DWR) may have funding available for drought related projects.
- A group called the Environmental Working Group mentioned in a publication, that even though we meet all State & Federal drinking water standards, some of our constituents feel that the contaminants are higher than they feel they should be. GM Ban has seen this in other publications as well and feels it is a gimmick to make people buy filters and other non-necessary items.
- GM Ban gave a presentation to the Democratic Club on Saturday, November 13, 2021, along with representatives from other local water agencies. Presentation included updates on District projects and drought information.

DIRECTOR MEETING REPORTS –Kathleen Radnich, Public Information Consultant was absent. President Unger gave a brief report on the MWA Board meeting she attended on October 28, 2021.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS – President Unger read off the list of the upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – MSC<sup>1</sup> (Floen/Doolittle) 4/1/0 motion carried to adjourn the Board meeting of October 20, 2021 at 7:35 p.m.

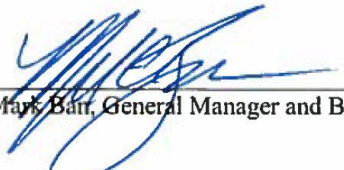
Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Reynolds, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Jarlsberg

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,



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Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary