



REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
61750 CHOLLITA ROAD, JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018, 9:30 AM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES
 - August 1, 2018
6. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – President Luckman/Director Unger
7. PUBLIC INFORMATION & OUTREACH REPORT – Kathleen Radnich
8. STAFF REPORT – Curt Sauer, GM
9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
10. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 2, 2018

INFORMATION

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 Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:30 AM
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 MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:34AM
- B. In attendance:
 - 1) President Luckman
 - 2) Director Unger
 - 3) Kathleen Radnich
 - 4) GM Sauer
- C. Public Present: (none)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. The agenda was approved: 1st: Director Unger; 2nd: President Luckman

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (none)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—April 4, 2018

- A. The minutes were approved: 1st: Director Unger; 2nd: President Luckman

5. LEGISLATIVE REPORT—President Luckman/ Director Unger

- A. Director Unger reported that Dave Reynolds from the Federal Relations Committee at ACWA was tracking the Farm Bill/Water Resources Bill which deal with fires and forestry.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION & OUTREACH REPORT—Kathleen Radnich

- A. **“WATER WISE AND READY” Radio program has been contracted:** the focus is on water for emergencies. Open ended FREE PSA service from Kix Hot Country: KKCM 92.1 Coachella Valley, KXCM 96.3 Joshua Tree, California
 - 1) It will feature episodes that change weekly; each episode runs 5x/ week @ 60 sec. 7AM-7PM

- 2) Offers the opportunity to cover storing water, water disinfecting, boil orders, other sources for water (water heaters, ice cubes, etc.); water sources NOT to use, water for food, hygiene, and pet care, what to do if communications are down and water quality is in question, etc.
 - 3) Episode #1 & #2 have already been recorded; Radnich writes the script, and both Radnich and Gary DeMarone voice it.
- B. New Garden Displays:** done this week (interpretive sign proofs were shown)
- 1) One display is on rain harvesting
 - 2) One display is on early settlers hand pumping water and never using it on landscaping—only family vegetable/fruit gardens. The old-fashioned pump was donated!
- C. District Tours:** Please forward names ASAP.
- 1) The list of pending attendees is over 12, so far. The bus holds 27 total.
 - 2) Two tours are scheduled: Thursday, September 13th and Monday, September 24 (8AM-12:30PM)
 - 3) Highlights will include recharging percolation ponds and current CIP activity.
 - 4) Radnich asked if we should consider “Water System Improvement” feather flags near the activities. The consensus was, “YES.” GM Sauer directed Radnich to confer with Mark Ban.
- D. Landscape Irrigation Workshop** (flyer) attached: September 18th, 1PM-4PM.
- E. AUGUST: Farmers Market/ Tier Drop**— Topics to be covered: Water School 101, Landscape Seminar/ District Tours promoted/Water Assistance Program/Payment Options/New District Hours
- F. SEPTEMBER: Farmers Market / Tier Drop** —(*tentative*) topics: Water for Emergencies/ CIP update/Water Wise and Ready/District Tours/ CIP update
- G. OCTOBER: Farmers Market/ Tier Drop**— (*tentative*) topics: *NEW BILL*, Protecting our Ground Water/proper disposal of hazardous waste/Great Shake Out/CIP update
- H. NOVEMBER: Farmers Market/ Tier Drop** (*tentative*) topics: New Website & Winterizing/ CIP Update/holiday closures
- I. DECEMBER: Tier Drop** (*tentative*) topics: Year in review (accomplishments)/holiday closures
- J. Low Income Assistance Program** (launched August 1st, 2018)
- 1) Promoted in the July Tier Drop
 - 2) Promoted in the August Tier Drop
 - 3) Listed on United Way of the Desert’s Website
 - 4) On JBWD’s Website
 - 5) Display in Lobby
 - 6) Listed on Facebook
- K. Evaporative Cooler Study** (Pending)
- 1) 29P to be included
 - 2) Nicholas Schneider trying to determine course of action (as of 7/31/18)
 - 3) More information will follow
- L. CS Survey**—Draft

- 1) The format followed recommended business trends to request customers identify “what they like” that we are doing
- 2) Protocols on how or when it will be availed have yet to be determined by S. Greer and staff
- 3) The Committee reviewed the draft survey form, and noted corrections to be made: The word, “Staff” was missing on one of the forms at the bottom, and some punctuation (“...”).

M. New hours in effect

- 1) Listed prominently on Lobby doors
- 2) Listed on July and August bills (message box)
- 3) Listed on JBWD’s website message box
- 4) Listed in four alternate locations on JBWD’s website pages
- 5) Listed on Facebook
- 6) Youtube of the two past meetings had it as the meeting’s caption

N. Great Shake Out: Saturday October 13th

- 1) Participation is dependent on a Board Members hosting the booth (possibly with a docent). Radnich reminded the committee that she cannot man this booth. Like last year, she can set up and break down, but others had to be there as she will be at the Market.
- 2) The committee suggested Director Floen and Director Unger man the booth.

O. AWAC “Changing”

- 1) Radnich reported it appeared that funding was dwindling from MWA towards the AWAC group —and more towards support services, instead (i.e., providing grant writing assistance, training seminars, etc.)
- 2) AWAC members were asked to go back to our agencies and have a frank discussion on what WE can bring to the AWAC table. They talked about us finding financial sponsors for many of their major events (Summits, scholarship programs, etc.) as well as, commitments of time to participate, host rotating meetings, etc. for the good of AWAC.
- 3) It was also generally agreed to meet as a large body only quarterly, and return to regional (committee style) meetings locally (like when we had the Morongo Basin AWAC). They also encouraged doing more phone and skyping-type meetings to save tim

P. JTNP Wildcrafting Program

- 1) We’ll be meeting August 6th to review the contract for the next 5 years
- 2) Tours (and the “workshop”) of the JTNP garden for all Wildcrafting students is: Wed. Sept 5th and Mon. Sept. 10 (10AM-1PM)
- 3) Board Members are welcome to participate!

Q. Rate Increase Complaints

- 1) So far, complaints received out in public regarding “increased water bills” were actually a result of a leak or higher water usage.

R. Elections

- 1) Radnich reminded the committee that a “Candidates Forum” needed consideration, as we have five candidates vying for two Board seats.

- 2) An outside source to sponsor a Water District “Meet your Candidates” forum would be ideal. Radnich was concerned about the Board room being a potential location, as two candidates are incumbents and this may be seen as a “home town” advantage.
- 3) A discussion followed about potential “hosts.” GM Sauer suggested we first run it by District Counsel.

7. STAFF REPORT

- A. GM Sauer reported on the Geoviewer program’s data base was ordered and due in 2 weeks. All the other equipment would arrive within 90 days. Ordering early saved us 10-20%, plus an upgrade was given to us (free) on up-loaders as they ran out of the specified ones we ordered.
- B. Well 14 *may* clear this time. Preliminary tests have been encouraging. This may be the last attempt to try and fix the problem, as all other solutions have been attempted.
- C. All job descriptions for the CIP hiring went to Sarah (HR) this week.
- D. The Dollar General plans have been approved.
- E. Water meter bids are being evaluated (presently.)

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (None were given)

10. NEXT MEETING DATE—Changed to: August 1, 2018 at 9:30 AM

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

1st: Director Unger, 2nd: President Luckman

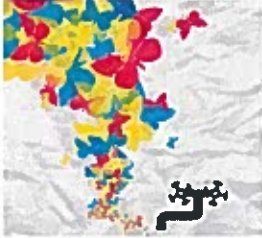
Respectfully Submitted,

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