

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Luckman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present – President Luckman, Vice President Johnson, Director Floen, Director Unger, Director Hund.

STAFF PRESENT

Curt Sauer, Mark Ban, AGM – Operations, Susan Greer, AGM, Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

Gil Granito, Legal Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Floen made a motion to approve the Agenda. Director Unger seconded the motion. Vice President Johnson requested that Resolution No. 18-991 be postponed for a later date. GM Sauer suggested that they let AGM Greer give her staff report and then answer any questions the Board might have. Both President Luckman and Vice President Johnson concurred. Vice President Johnson withdrew his request.

(MSC¹ 5/0/0) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

President Luckman acknowledged that Frank Coate, candidate for the JBWD Board, was in the audience.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Draft Minutes of August 1, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

(MSC¹ 5/0/1) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Hund

PRESENTATION FROM MORONGO BASIN CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION – DESERT WISE LANDSCAPING TOUR, SPRING 2018 BY Lorraine Turk and Mike Lipsitz- Mike Lipsitz thanked the Board for participating in the Desert Wise Living Tour. This has been a very successful program, but without the support of JBWD, High Desert, Mojave Water Agency, and all the Morongo Valley Districts, it would not be the success that it is. We look forward to another positive experience with JBWD in 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-991 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY THE DISTRICT OF INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT #18-012 (\$3,010,000.00 LOAN AGREEMENT). AGM Greer gave an overview of the loan agreement followed by a Q&A with the Board. After the discussion, the Board agreed to table the decision on the Loan Agreement until a Special Meeting on August 21, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. District Counsel Gil Granito instructed Director Hund on the procedure to attend the Special Board meeting telephonically.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY – AGM Greer gave the staff report on the Debt Management Policy, Resolution No. 18-990, followed by a Q&A with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Director Unger motioned to adopt Resolution No. 18-990 amending the Administration Code, to add Article 10, Debt Management Policy, as reviewed by the Finance Committee on August 8, 2018. Vice President Johnson seconded.

(MSC¹ 5/0/0) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

17/18 BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF OF \$27,587.56 – AGM Greer gave the staff report followed by a Q&A with the Board.

Vice President Johnson moved to approve the 1/18 Bad Debt Write-Off of \$27,587.56 as reviewed by the Finance Committee on August 8, 2018. Director Unger seconded.

(MSC¹ 5/0/0) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - Mr. Granito updated the Board on the Water Tax legislation that had been shelved previously but is now gaining traction in the form and content of a proposed new bill. The new bill, as yet, has no sponsor or number. One of the stated purpose of the new bill will be to establish a fund to assist disadvantaged communities in providing safe and affordable drinking water.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer presented an overview of the Gantt chart with all of the emphasis on CIP, mainline replacement. Loan, Well 14, etc. GM Sauer continued with a preliminary map of the pipeline design then proceeded to inform the Board on the Org Assessment/Technology Plan and updates on the shop remodel. Randy Mayes will be receiving a \$130,000 grant and conservation was 27% in July, and cumulative was 22%.

DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS, AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, reported on the following:

- JTNP/JBWD Wild Crafting
- District Tours
- Residential Landscape Irrigation
- Evaporative (Swamp) Cooler study.

President Luckman stated that she had gone to the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which was a really interesting meeting, and would comment on it at the next Board meeting.

Vice President Johnson commented on the Finance Committee and thanked the Staff and Director Floen. Thank you to everyone participating; it is the most riveting meeting of all the Committee meetings here at JBWD. This is a participatory meeting and is open and transparent, in terms of what we are doing. He thanked the Board with their indulgences with the laboring of the loan, which is very serious and we want to ensure that we do our due diligence.

Director Hund underscored on how active this District is and what go-getters our staff is. In just a week's time the following items have already been set in motion:

- Finalizing the GEO Viewer contract that maps out our facilities and analyzes the cost of maintaining them. Along, with this contract, the field will be receiving iPads as part of the Geo Viewer process.
- The equipment order was placed on August 2nd
- West Coast Civil meeting was to be the next day, and they have already turned in a preliminary plan
- Job descriptions were completed for the pipeline crew,
- Meter replacement RFP has been sent out
- The loan is in progress
- Debt Management Policy has been approved
- Shop plan was redesigned

Director Floen referred to the Bartle & Wells rate study where they state that the District currently has 175 miles of pipeline between 40 and 70 years old. In Director Floen's estimation, the District is doing well right now. We are signed onto this with enthusiasm and commitment, and this is a big deal and will be going on for 30 years or so. Director Floen then showed the "leak map," which was in everyone's newsletter this month.

Director Unger read a two-page report on the San Bernardino Water Conference that she attended.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –
President Luckman informed every one of the upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – Director Unger made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Director Floen seconded.

MSC¹ (Unger/Floen) motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary