

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 Hund, and Director Unger.

STAFF PRESENT

Curt Sauer, GM, Mark Ban, AGM – Operations, Susan Greer, AGM/Controller, Sarah Johnson, HR Mgr., and Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Director Unger seconded the motion.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Johnson/Unger) motion carried by the following vote

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Draft Minutes of October 3, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
- August-September 2018 Check Registers (reviewed by the Finance Committee on October 10, 2018, and referred to the Board of Directors for approval).

Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Hund seconded the motion.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Johnson/Hund) motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (CIRP) JOB DESCRIPTIONS –

Sarah Johnson, HR Mgr. reviewed the job descriptions with the Board followed by a brief Q&A.

Director Unger made a motion to approve the CIRP Draft Job Descriptions. Director Hund seconded the motion.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Unger/Hund) motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE - AGM Greer recommended that the Board authorize the District office to close on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, and on New Year's Eve Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and offer employees one half day off with pay (4 hours) either on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve, which has been the tradition of the District for many years. A brief Q&A followed with the Board.

Director Unger made a motion to approve the holiday office schedule. Vice President Johnson seconded the motion.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Unger/Johnson) motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – None

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer informed the Board that he received the final Solar Feasibility Report today. This is one-step toward the solar project to reduce our electrical expenses. He then reported on September's conservation figures, and cumulative is at 19.79% for September. GM Sauer stated that he had attended the San Bernardino County Farm Bureau's annual meeting because Scott Hudson, District Safety Officer, entered the District for a conservation award because of the Demonstration Garden. The Farm Bureau awarded the District with a plaque for the JBWD Water-Wise Garden, and we are now a part of the Farm Bureau family. GM Sauer went on to say that he also had an opportunity to thank the San Bernardino County Sheriff's station in Joshua tree, who has always been supportive of the District.

Thirteen (13) of our staff, Tom Floen (representing the Board) and Gayle Austin (representing the CAC) attended a two-day workshop for Strategic Planning with Mary Orton from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. Mary Orton should have the synopsis to the District by October 23, 2018, at which time we will disseminate to the Board, CAC and the public.

Last weekend it rained here, and we calculated that if it only rained 2 inches in a 4 square mile area, we would have received 433-acre-feet, however, in some areas it rained more than that, and not just 4 square miles. It could be up to 853-acre-feet, which is over half of what we pump each year. We lost water from mainline breaks that totaled 800,000 gallons, representing .04% of the total rainfall. Steve Corbin responded to an intrusion alarm at one of the tanks, which happened to be from the electrical storm, and he & Randy Little noticed that both the D2 and F2 tanks were decreasing at a rate higher than expected. GM Sauer turned the rest of his report over to Mark Ban, AGM – Operations.

AGM Ban stated that the rain continued until around 5:30 a.m. and then proceeded with a presentation of the flood damage.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach informed the Board that the public did not panic, had their extra water on hand, and overall there was a completely different attitude. Ms. Radnich stated that there had been two rumors floating around and clarified that no the water tanks did not burst and major chain hotels have not found Joshua Tree water to be hotter than Desert Hot Springs water. She thanked the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce for hosting the candidate's forum. Also, the Great Shake-Out was canceled due to the rain storm and subsequent flooding.

President Luckman reported on the Mojave Water TAC meeting that she attended AGM Ban on October 4, 2018.

Vice President Johnson reported on the Finance Committee of October 10, 2018.

GM Sauer commented on the Water Resources & Operations Committee of October 10, 2018.

Vice President Johnson commented on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors, who have teamed up with Cal State San Bernardino, and did a telephone survey on water quality issues.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES -

President Luckman read off the list of future meetings, and Director Unger will be sitting in for Director Hund at the next Mojave Water Agency Board meeting on November 8, 2018. President Luckman stated that the Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) on November 12, 2018, was canceled.

ADJOURNMENT –

Director Unger made a motion for adjournment at 7:08 p.m. Vice President Johnson seconded.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Unger/Johnson) motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary