

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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, Susan Greer, AGM/Controller, Sarah Johnson, HR Mgr., and Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

Gil Granito, Legal Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MSC¹ (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 17, 2018, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
- Draft Minutes of October 17, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

MSC¹ (Johnson/Hund) motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESULTS OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOPS HELD ON OCTOBER 16-17, 2018- GM Sauer gave a brief report to the Board and a short Q&A period followed.

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 18-993, INCREASING THE GUARANTEE DEPOSIT FOR THE WATER ACCOUNTS AND ESTABLISHING AUTOMATIC FUTURE INCREASES TO THE GUARANTEE DEPOSIT BASED ON WATER RATES – AGM Greer gave the staff report and a brief Q&A period followed with the Board.

Director Hund made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-993. Director Unger seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Hund/Unger) motion carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

UPDATE ON SHOP REMODEL AND AMENDMENT TO THE 2018/2019 BUDGET TO REFLECT ALL EXPENSES AND INCOMES FOR THE CIRP – Recommend that the Board authorize the General Manager to adjust the 2018/2019 Budget to clearly identify costs and offsets for the CIRP for 2018/2019- GM Sauer updated the Board on current expenditures on the shop remodel and requested permission to transfer to different accounts. A brief Q&A period followed with the Board.

Director Unger made a motion to authorize the General Manager to adjust the 2018/2019 Budget to clearly identify costs and offsets for the CIRP for 2018/2019. Director Floen seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Unger/Floen) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: Johnson

Absent: None

Abstain: None

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ABOUT WHICH THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN CONTACTED – GM Sauer gave a presentation outlining the four different proposals that the District has been contacted about. A brief Q&A period followed with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Gayle Austin, Joshua Tree – Commented that we dodged a bullet with the Solar because they threatened to put in a huge well and we barely dodged it. However, it will happen sooner or later. She mentioned the RV Park and that they keep adding more things and more people, who take more water, showers, and the water is free to them. It will eventually happen and if we don't have a solid policy that we should be monitoring them. She doesn't feel they should take more and then we have to pay to recharge the water. She stated that yes you have the right to your land, but we all share the water, and it is limited here, no one has the right to more than their share.

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – None

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer updated the Board on the following:

- Emergency Response Plan
- Joshua Tree Flood Event
- CEC Solar Grant
- Conservation Figures
- DWR Studies
- CIRP Vacancies shared by Sarah Johnson, HR Mgr.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED -

Public Outreach Consultant – Kathleen Radnich reported on the CAL WARN meetings attended by herself and Beverly Waszak, and described the new CAL WARN software to the Board. She updated the Board on the United Way Low-Income Assistance Program in which 40 customers have received assistance since October 31, 2018.

Director Unger thanked everyone that voted for her and that she truly loves sitting on the JBWD Board of Directors and wished she had started public service when she was younger. She congratulated Mike Reynolds on his win and thanked the other participants, Al Marquez, and Paul Coate. Director Unger thanked Director Floen for his excellent work on the Board and his great service to the District.

Vice President Johnson dittoed Director Unger remarks and appreciated the enthusiasm that the other candidates showed and encouraged them to keep getting involved with the District. He went on to invite everyone to the riveting Finance Committee tomorrow.

Director Hund echoed the sentiments of the other Board members and congratulated Mike Reynolds on his win and to also thank everyone who ran and also those who continue to engage and contribute.

Director Floen commented that it isn't surprising that Mike Reynolds won as there is significant fame with Mike Reynolds since he has been a member of the Joshua Tree community for decades. He continued to say that being on the Board of Directors has been an exceptional experience and that this is really hard work and just a tip of the iceberg to sit up here on the Board. It takes a lot of focus, research time, and commitment to do this job and the dedication that everyone shows is impressive. It takes a lot of courage to raise rates, and understands that it hurt a lot of people, but it needed to be done.

Director Johnson wished all the veterans a happy Veterans Day and thanked the first responders and those serving abroad for their service.

Director Unger stated the Veterans Day celebrations would begin on Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Community Center in Yucca Valley.

President Luckman thanked the current Board for their service and stated that she would miss Director Floen immensely. He was an amazing person before he was on the Board and he has served as an amazing Director.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES -

President Luckman read off the list of future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT –

Director Unger made a motion for adjournment at 7:31 p.m. Director Floen seconded.

MSC¹ (Unger/Floen) 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