

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
Minutes of December 6, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

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| Mickey Luckman | Present |
| Bob Johnson    | Absent  |
| Geary Hund     | Present |
| Rebecca Unger  | Present |
| Tom Floen      | Present |

STAFF PRESENT:

Curt Sauer, General Manager  
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager  
Randy Mayes, Interim Director of Water Resources & Ops.  
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator  
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Alex Handlers, Bartles Wells Associates  
Gil Granito, Redwine & Sherrill  
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

GUESTS 5

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

MSC/Hund/Floen 4/0/1 to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of December 6, 2017.

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| Floen   | Aye    |
| Hund    | Aye    |
| Luckman | Aye    |
| Johnson | Absent |
| Unger   | Aye    |

5. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Karen Tracy, CAC Chairperson reported on the CAC meeting earlier in the day and that the CAC consensus was they were comfortable with Scenario's 2 and 3.

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree stated that Well 14 has been out of commission since January 2016. A lot of money has gone into rehabbing Well 14, and the community is asking why it is taking so long to have Well 14 back online.

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree commented that after meeting with Mr. Sauer at the Copper Mountain Mesa meeting, he decided to look at several online sites and compare Joshua Tree with Twentynine Palms so he could understand the rate increases better. Mr. Vallerand had given each Board member a copy of his comparisons to review.

Steve Tuttle, Joshua Tree commended the JBWD on all of the different proposals and agreed that scenarios 2 or 3 are wonderful. Mr. Tuttle owns several different properties and receives a bill for each separate property. He suggested maybe combining them into one bill would make more sense and save money. Mr. Tuttle is in favor of new meters and would be willing to contribute for a meter with a flow rate.

Rand Kidman, Copper Mountain Mesa is looking to have an inactive meter moved to another parcel, which would essentially help him and the District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED**

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approve Draft Minutes of the November 14, 2017, Special Joint Workshop Meeting of the Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee
- B. Approve Draft Minutes of the November 15, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

MSC/Hund/Unger 4/0/1 to approve the Consent Calendar.

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| Floen   | Aye    |
| Hund    | Aye    |
| Luckman | Aye    |
| Johnson | Absent |
| Unger   | Aye    |

**7. NOMINATION OF GAYLE AUSTIN TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) - Recommend that the Board appoint Gayle Austin to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).**

MSC/Unger/Hund 4/0/1 to approve the nomination of Gayle Austin to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

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| Floen   | Aye    |
| Hund    | Aye    |
| Luckman | Aye    |
| Johnson | Absent |
| Unger   | Aye    |

**8. REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/17 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Recommend that the Board received the report, ask questions and accept and file.**

Chris Brown, Partner, Fedak & Brown, LLP gave a brief overview of the fiscal year ending 6/30/17 Audit and congratulated JBWD on a clean Audit. A Q&A period was given after the presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree, asked if they had used the GAAP method of accounting.

Mr. Brown responded that it was a little out of his realm but if the GAAP methodology was in the accounting framework then yes.

Ed Vallerand asked if it was normal to have a 15% increase in the customer service area.

Mr. Brown agreed that yes this happens when you have part-time employees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED**

President Luckman and the Board thanked Anne Roman for all of her help with the Audit. MSC/Hund/Unger 4/0/1 to accept and file the fiscal year ending 6/30/17 Audited Financial Statement.

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| Floen   | Aye    |
| Hund    | Aye    |
| Luckman | Aye    |
| Johnson | Absent |
| Unger   | Aye    |

AGM Susan Greer stated Anne Roman is due much more than a round of applause. Hundreds of hours of her time go through this process, and we need to acknowledge her efforts. The Audit takes months of coordination with our Auditor, staff, as well as third parties. Anne works many extra hours to produce the Audit within the required timeline. The District is extremely fortunate to have Anne on staff, and I am privileged to have her on my team and really cannot say enough about her integrity and the value she brings to the District.

9. UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE RATE STUDY- Recommend that the Board receives for information and provides direction for the ongoing rate study. Alex Handlers, Bartles Wells Associates, gave an update on the new scenarios. A Q&A period followed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Gayle Austin thanked Alex Handlers, Bartles Wells Associates for taking the time to answer all of her questions and using language that she could understand. If she did not understand, Mr. Handlers took the extra time to explain.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

10. SOLAR FEASIBILITY GRANT APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION NO. 17-981- Recommend that the Board approve Resolution No. 17-981, which allows the District to apply for grant monies for a feasibility study. GM Sauer reported that at the November 1, 2017, Board meeting, Director Hund presented a proposal to investigate the feasibility of constructing a solar project to offset our electrical consumption. The Board approved the concept and directed the GM to move forward on a grant for a feasibility study. This resolution authorizes the GM to apply for the grant and if successful, in receiving grant monies, to conduct said feasibility study.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree commented that the community is in favor of solar projects but not solar fields. He also stated that the County Plan and the Community Plan are in favor of solar for residential but not commercial. If the District could arrange for a rooftop solar and have something similar at each of the well sites, then the community would be in favor.

MSC/Unger/Hund 4/0/1 to approve Resolution No. 17-981 which authorizes the GM to apply for a grant to conduct a Feasibility Study.

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| Floen   | Aye    |
| Hund    | Aye    |
| Luckman | Aye    |
| Johnson | Absent |
| Unger   | Aye    |

11. RECEIVE INFORMATION ON DEVELOPING A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN- Recommend that the Board directs the General Manager to ensure completion of the plans. GM Sauer's Staff Report is attached to the minutes located at the District. A brief Q&A followed with the Board.

MSC/Floen/Unger 4/0/1 to direct the General Manager to ensure completion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Emergency Response Plan.

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| Floen   | Aye    |
| Hund    | Aye    |
| Luckman | Aye    |
| Johnson | Absent |
| Unger   | Aye    |

12. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – None
13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer gave a staff report on the following items. The full staff report is attached to the minutes at the District:

1. County Mental Health Facility
2. Backflow Devices
3. Meters and Radio Read Equipment
4. Well #14
5. Chrome 6 Planning Grant
6. GM Evaluation due March 2018
7. Director Water Resources and Operations Hiring

GM Sauer also commented that the employees of this District go well beyond when it comes to trying to save money and reduce costs. I would invite any customer that has concerns with reducing costs to bring their ideas to us for due consideration.

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

President Luckman commented on the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Board meeting about a flood-controlled pit; the County is digging along the Mojave River and using it for water storage, which creates a dual purpose.

Director Floen commented on the Finance Committee of November 20, 2017, about the Audit.

15. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES- President Luckman referenced all the upcoming meetings.

16. ADJOURNMENT –

MSC/Unger/Floen 4/0/1 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of December 20, 2017, at 8:42 p.m.

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| Floen   | Aye    |
| Hund    | Aye    |
| Luckman | Aye    |
| Johnson | Absent |
| Unger   | Aye    |

Respectfully submitted:

  
Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary