

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – President Johnson, Vice President Unger, Director Hund, Director Luckman, and Director Reynolds.

STAFF PRESENT -Curt Sauer, GM, Mark Ban, AGM-Operations, Susan Greer, AGM-Finance, Anne Roman, Accountant, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, and Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT - Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach, and Mr. Gil Granito, Redwine and Sherrill, District Counsel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Director Hund moved to approve the Agenda. Director Luckman seconded.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR – Draft Minutes April 17, 2019, Draft Minutes May 1, 2019, Special Meeting Draft Minutes, May 15, 2019, and Draft Minutes May 15, 2019. Director Luckman moved to approve the Consent Calendar. President Johnson seconded.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PRESENTATION BY MOJAVE WATER AGENCY – Jim Ventura, MWA Board, presented GM Curt Sauer with an award for his outstanding service and dedication to the Joshua Basin Water District.

Tom McCarthy also told GM Sauer what a pleasure it is to work with him then went on to inform every one of the leak on the Morongo Basin Pipeline since Friday, May 31, 2019, and then spoke about the State Water Project, which is in great shape, with a 70% allocation. Mr. McCarthy spoke on the California Water Fix with Governor Newsome. This was followed by a brief Q&A with the Board and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Sunfair Community, asked who would be responsible for the pipeline once the bond is paid off in 2022 or 2023.

Jim Ventura stated that this concern was brought to the Commission 4 months ago that the Morongo Basin agencies should own the pipeline. An analysis was done by Marina West and Mike Simpson, and the MB Agencies would not be able to afford it. It was concluded that the Mojave Water Agency would be responsible for the pipeline.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

GM Sauer thanked Tom McCarthy and Jim Ventura for their support the last five (5) years and said he couldn't have done it without a supportive Board and staff to back him. He also thanked Yvonne, Michele, Lance, Christie, Daryl, Mike, Kathy, Matt, and the MWA Board for their support the last five (5) years.

BUDGET APPROVAL – AGM Greer gave the staff report, and she informed everyone at the meeting that all 5 Board members were at both the Finance Committee and Water Resources Committee meetings to review the 2019/2020 Budget. This was followed by a brief Q&A by the Board.

President Johnson moved to approve the 19/20 Budget. Director Hund seconded.

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

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-997 AND RESOLUTION NO. 19-998 OF INTENTION TO DISSOLVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1 AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2 – AGM Greer gave the staff report and informed the Board that Improvement District #1 and Improvement District #2 needed to be formally resolved. This was followed by a brief Q&A with the Board.

Vice President Unger motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-997. Director Hund seconded.

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

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

Vice President Unger motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-998. Director Reynolds seconded.

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

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

CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF BALL AND CHECK VALVES AS WATER METERS ARE REPLACED AT A COST OF \$500,250 OVER FIVE YEARS – AGM Greer gave the staff report, and a brief Q&A followed with the Board.

Director Reynolds motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-998. Director Luckman seconded.

MSC¹ (Reynolds/Luckman) motion carried by the following vote:

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

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – No report.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer updated the Board on the Resolutions for the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Emergency Response Plan for the District and they have been approved by FEMA. AGM Ban followed with an update on the CIRP and the new equipment that was recently purchased.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED –

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, reminded everyone that it is high water demand season. The Farmers Market June booth theme is “understanding our aquifer.” There will be a dunk tank at the JT Community Center on June 29, 2019, from 4-9 p.m.

Director Hund commented on the convenience of the 5-gallon water jugs in Home Depot and Walmart to store water at your home.

Director Reynolds commented that it is a good idea to also rotate your water stock. He also thanked Jim Ventura and Tom McCarthy for being a part of the Board meeting tonight.

Vice President Unger commented on GM Sauer’s learning about the District when he first began as GM.

President Johnson thanked all the first responders.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – President Johnson read off the upcoming meetings for the Board members.

CLOSED SESSION - At approximately 7:42 p.m. the Board went into Closed Session as reflected in item #15 of the June 5, 2019, Agenda. The Closed Session ended at approximately 8:22 pm, and the Regular Session resumed. No reportable action was taken. Action on this matter will be considered in Open Session at the June 19, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT – President Johnson adjourned the Board of Directors meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary