

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019

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

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Director Johnson, Director Unger, Director Floen, Director Hund, and Director Reynolds.

STAFF PRESENT –Mark Ban, GM, Susan Greer, AGM, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, and Anne Roman, Accountant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT –Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach, and Sean McCarty, West Coast Civil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Director Hund motioned to approve the Agenda with a change to item #7 “Citizens Advisory Committee” to “Citizens Advisory Council”. Director Reynolds seconded.

MSC¹ (Hund/Reynolds) 5/0/0 motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR – Director Reynolds moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Floen seconded with a change to page 3 of the October 16, 2019 draft minutes to change “Director Floen had his Jeep there with his survival gear” to “Director Floen had his Jeep survival gear there”.

MSC¹ (Reynolds/Floen) 5/0/0 motion carried.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT AND APPOINTMENT – Chairperson Karen Tracy gave the report on their last meeting and nominated Barbara Delph for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Council. Ms. Delph introduced herself to the Board.

Director Unger motioned to appoint Barbara Delph to the Citizens Advisory Council. Director Johnson seconded.

MSC¹ (Unger/Johnson) 5/0/0 motion carried.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 20/21 WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT DESIGN – GM Ban gave the staff report and introduced Sean McCarty of West Coast Civil for any questions the Board may have.

Sean McCarty, West Coast Civil, informed the Board that he has designed over 20 miles of capital mainline replacement with GM Ban at Hi-Desert Water District and recently completed the Saddleback project here at JBWD. He looks forward to improving the infrastructure and getting the water loss down.

This was followed by a brief Q&A with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jane Jarlsberg, Joshua Tree appreciated the carefulness on the easements because of what’s been going on with Frontier Communications.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED -

Director Hund motioned to approve the proposal from West Coast Civil to continue with the Capital Improvement and Replacement Program.

MSC¹ (Hund/Reynolds) 5/0/0 motion carried.

BOARDROOM TECHNOLOGY UPDATE – GM Ban gave the staff report and recommended that the Board approve Southwest’s proposal to upgrade the dais to add Thin Clients and screens. This was followed by a brief Q&A with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Barbara Delph, Joshua Tree, asked if everything will be in PDF’s will the Directors be able to write notes or make comments.

GM Ban replied that there are programs that will allow the Directors to write over the PDF’s and they will be able to make comments and write notes.

Director Hund replied that even without additional software, you can insert comments within a PDF.

Jane Jarlsberg, Joshua Tree, commented that you can also use the little post it’s within the PDF to make comments or write notes. She asked if the public could tour behind the dais to view the new technology.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED –

This was followed by a brief Q&A with the Board.

Director Unger motioned to approve Southwest’s proposal. Director Floen seconded.

MSC¹ (Unger/Floen) 5/0/0 motion carried.

REQUIRED ETHICS AND HARASSMENT TRAINING – Director Sarah Johnson gave the staff report to amend Admin Codes 5.01 and 5.02 that update the Ethics & Anti-Harassment training requirements with Resolution No. 19-1016. This was followed by a brief Q&A with the Board.

Director Reynolds motioned to approve Resolution No. 19-1016. Director Unger seconded.

MSC¹ (Reynolds/Unger) 5/0/0 motion carried.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Ban explained that the CIRP crew took a small pause in the pipeline project because of the back log of 400 meters. The CIRP crew helped staff with replacing all 400 meters within about 8 days.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jane Jarlsberg, Joshua Tree, asked if partial or all the meters had been replaced.

GM Ban explained that there is a Capital Project to replace 900 meters a year over the next 5 years and we have replaced 400 of the 900 meters this year so far.

Jane Jarlsberg, Joshua Tree commented that at the last Board meeting it was stated that new meters may make your bill go up. She asked if there is a way to know when you will receive a new meter and how it relates to your bill?

GM Ban said a crew member will knock on your door and let you know your water is being shut off for a short period of time in order to replace your meter with a new one.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED -

DIRECTOR COMMENTS AND REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED –

Director Unger reported on the MWA Technical Advisory Committee meeting she attended on October 21, 2019, that the Mojave Water Agency purchased just under 7200-acre feet of water rights, along with 7 wells for monitoring and easement rights in the Baja Sub Area.

Director Reynolds commented on the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts dinner that was held at the Sierra Lakes Golf Club, Fontana, CA.

Director Unger reported on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting.

Director Johnson reported that the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission will be having a maintenance project about mid-year 2020. It will shut down the pipeline for a while, but it will not affect operations. He also reported on the Finance Committee of November 13, 2019.

Director Hund reported that at the Water Resources and Operations Committee they discussed the replacement and progress of the 400 water meters, CIRP, and the boardroom technology.

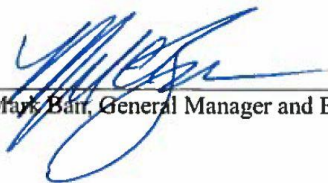
Director Reynolds commented on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting that he attended on November 14, 2019. He stated that last year was a good water year and spoke about water banking.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –
Director Johnson read off the list of upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – Director Unger motioned to adjourn. Director Reynolds seconded.

MSC¹ (Unger/Reynolds) 5/0/0 motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary