

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 10, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Victoria Fuller	Present
Bob Johnson	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Rebecca Unger	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Seth Zielke, Director, Water Resources and Operations

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
Gil Granito, District Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill

GUESTS 17

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Remove Item #8-Update on NextEra Solar Project, Proposed Will Serve Letter and Water Supply Agreement. Add Item #10B – GM Report.**

MSC/ Reynolds/Luckman 5/0 to approve the Agenda.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree commented on the high rates and fees that the Joshua Basin Water District is charging customers.

Steve Whitman, Joshua Tree commented that he was pleased that Item #8 (NextEra) had been postponed and he congratulated the BoD and Staff on the July 20, 2016 BoD meeting, adding that it was the best BoD meeting he has heard in a long time. He was pleased that it was finally disclosed that the JBWD is not dealing with NextEra but a shell company. Mr. Whitman also stated that since there are three corporations listed, he wondered who JBWD is actually dealing with.

Tom O'Key, Joshua Tree stated that the Joshua Tree community has raised the money for the appeal process and have spent 100's of hours on this one issue. However, not once has the owner of record, of this land, been before the BoD. He also told the BoD that he feels they have opened themselves up to liability with NextEra.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine in nature and will be adopted in total by one action of the Board of Directors unless any Board Member or any individual or organization interested in one or more consent calendar items wishes to be heard.
- A. Approve Draft Minutes of the July 20, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - B. Approve Draft Minutes of the July 26, 2016 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - C. Approve Investment Policy – Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager

MSC/ Luckman/Johnson 5/0 to approve the July, 20, 2016 Minutes of the Regular Meeting Board of Directors, July 26, 2016 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Investment Policy submitted by Susan Greer.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. **PRESENTATION FROM MORONGO BASIN CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION- DESERT WISE LANDSCAPING TOUR, SPRING 2016-** Claudia Saul of the MBCA presented to the BoD. The MBCA will be holding a Water Energy Nexus meeting on September 24, 2016 at Yucca Valley Community Center from 1-4 p.m.

President Fuller thanked Claudia Saul for her wonderful presentation and how much the tour fits in with the conservation efforts. Each year the MBCA Tour is amazing and each home is different.

Marina West, General Manager, Big Horn Desert View Water District and the Secretary of the Morongo Basin Conservation Association commented that because of budget constraints they learn how to conduct their individual outreach which is why you don't see BHDVW at all of the events. This tour creates a unified message that we are all on the same page as it pertains to water conservation. She also brought up the Water Education Festival Event that the JBWD participated in. This was their first event in which they educated over 300 eighth graders in May and plan to do the same again in 2017.

8. **UPDATE ON NEXTERA SOLAR PROJECT, PROPOSED WILL SERVE LETTER AND WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT-** Item was removed at the beginning of the BoD meeting and tabled until the next Regular BoD meeting.
9. **A. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** President Fuller and Director Johnson. Next Meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2016 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
B. WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson. Next Meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2016 10 a.m. to

THE LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE was inadvertently left off of the Agenda and the next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

10. **DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - None**
- 10b. **ADDED AGENDA ITEM – GM REPORT (attached) –** GM Sauer reported on conservation figures, office space, Chromium 6, Annual Audit and the BLM Lease. GM Sauer also praised Anne Roman, Accountant for her countless hours that she donates to the District each year for the Annual Audit.

11. **FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

- **ASBCSD – (Reminder) No Meeting for August**
- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors – August 11, 2016- Victoria Fuller
- San Bernardino County Water Conference – August 12, 2016

President Fuller stated that Vice President Luckman will be attending the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting on August 11, 2016

12. **DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Director Unger reported that the Legislative and Public Information Committee held a meeting at 9:30 a.m. on August 10, 2016 and they had discussed establishing a voluntary conservation target.

Director Johnson had nothing to report.

Vice President Luckman had nothing to report.

Director Reynolds had nothing to report but thanked everyone for attending the BoD meeting.

President Fuller attended the Mojave Water Agency meeting and that they are working with the Rural Funding Agency to receive grant funding for disadvantaged water agency's (i.e. small water agency's) of \$200k plus other grant monies. When it comes to financed we are waiting to do a lot of things until Chromium VI rolls out. We have to be in the best financial position to deal with it when we get the final numbers which will be in the millions not in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. We also have pipe replacement coming up. President Fuller thanked everyone for attending the BoD meeting.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MSC Unger/Reynolds, 5/0 to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of August 10, 2016 at 7:05 p.m.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:



Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary