

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

Minutes of the October 18, 2017

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Helen Gray Center

October 18, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Mickey Luckman Present
Bob Johnson Present
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 6

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

MSC/Unger/Hund 5/0 to approve the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of October 18, 2017 with following changes:

- Reverse order of Items 9 and 10.
- Language for Item #15 (All comments should pertain to Agenda items only) to be stricken on this Agenda and all future Agendas.
- Finance Committee meeting reverted to October 30, 2017.
- Spelling of Claudia Saul changed to Claudia Sall

Floen Aye
Hund Aye
Luckman Aye
Johnson Aye
Unger Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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, individual or organization interested in one or more consent calendar items wishes to be heard.

- Approve Draft Minutes of the October 4, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MSC/Johnson/Floen 5/0 to approve the Consent Calendar with the correction of Director Floen attending the October 12, 2017 Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. CLAUDIA SALL OF MORONGO BASIN CONSERVATION – Ms. Sall thanked the Board for their donation and mentioned the featured article in Sunset Magazine and the calendar listing in West Ways. She mentioned that most of the donations goes towards publishing and advertising.

8. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-980, AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATION CODE TO CLARIFY THE GENERAL MANAGER’S AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS IN AN EMERGENCY – after a brief discussion with the Board, Article 4 is amended as follows:

Article 4, Section 4.04.07 Expenditure of Funds for Emergencies. It shall be the duty of the General Manager or his/her designee, to expend the funds necessary to correct an emergency situation, notwithstanding the purchasing limits outlined in Article 4.04.06, above. The General Manager, or his/her designee shall notify the President of the Board as soon as possible as to the nature of the emergency and the estimated funds required to remedy the situation. Actual funds spent shall be reported to the Board within one week.

10. AWARD AGREEMENT FOR ORGANIZATIONAL ASSESSMENT – GM Sauer stated that as requested by the Board of Directors, a RFP (Request for Proposal), for an Organizational Assessment (OA) was prepared and submitted to five different consultants. Proposals were received from three consultants, Koff & Associates, Westin Technology Solutions and CPS HR Consulting. After much review, staff recommendation is Westin Technology Solutions, who has water, wastewater, and 30 years’ experience working with municipalities such as ours. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

MSC/Johnson/Unger 5/0 to award the agreement for the Organizational Assessment to Westin Technology Solutions.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

11. RATE STUDY PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – Alex Handlers, Bartles Wells Associates presented the revised Rate Study to the Board followed by a Q&A period and discussion with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Whitman, Joshua Tree commented that the presentation was very long and informative. He cautioned the Board to review “you tube” in order to clearly understand what was presented here tonight. Mr. Whitman stated that he thought that where Mr. Handlers was 100% correct is to consider 100% rate increases.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

12. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Granito had no report but did mention that he works with several District’s and Alex Handlers presentations are always right on point.
13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT- GM Sauer updated the Board on the following:
 - Conservation
 - Layne Construction
 - County Mental Health Facility
 - BIA Proposal
 - Solar Grants
 - Grants for Tilford Way and Meter Replacement

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

Director Unger had nothing to report.

Vice President Johnson reported on the Finance Committee on September 25, 2017.

Director Hund stated that he appreciated Alex Handler’s presentation and the Citizen’s Advisory Committee input.

Director Floen reported that he attended the MWA TAC Committee and the MWA Board meeting of October 12, 2017.

Kathleen Radnich reported on the following:

- October Farmer’s Market booth theme covers protecting our ground water
- Winterizing class was held on October 10, 2017
- District tours have been postponed and moved to February
- Great Shake Out went well with docent Loretta Simonet and Director Floen.

15. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –

- Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) -October 5, 2017 at 10 a.m. President Luckman
- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting – October 12, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Director Unger
- ASBCSD - East Valley Water District – October 16, 2017 Place to be determined.
- Finance Committee Meeting – October 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.- Vice President Johnson and Director Floen
- Water Resources and Operations Committee Meeting – October 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. President Luckman and Vice President Johnson

16. ADJOURNMENT –

MSC/Johnson/Unger/5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 8:15 p.m.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary

