

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

Minutes of the October 4, 2017

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS &
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 4, 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: Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager
Randy Mayes, Interim Director of Water Resources & Ops.
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Gil Granito, Redwine & Sherrill

GUESTS 3

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

MSC/Hund/Unger 5/0 to approve the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of October 4, 2017.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree, commented that it has taken 18 months and counting to get Well 14 back online with \$400K already spent.

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 September 12, 2017 Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Citizens Advisory Committee
- Approve July – August 2017 Check Registers (reviewed by Finance Committee on September 25, 2017).

MSC/Unger/Johnson 5/0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. ANNUAL CAPACITY FEE REPORTS – Review Capacity Fee reports and recommend that the Board accept and file (reviewed by the Finance Committee on September 25, 2017).

AGM Greer stated that Capacity Fees are one-time charges to fund capital improvements necessary for the expansion of the water system as a result of a new connection. Capacity fees reflect the property’s pro-rata share for the infrastructure costs that were built or that will need to be built to serve the new connection. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

MSC/Johnson/Floen 5/0 to accept and file the Capacity Fee Reports.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. AQUATIC INSPECTIONS PROPOSAL DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 FOR WET CLEANING, INSPECTION, AND SPOT COATING REPAIR OF RESERVOIRS C-1, D-1, E01, E-2, AND J-1.

Recommend that the Board authorize the District to enter into a contract with Aquatic Inspections for a cost not to exceed \$24,000.

Interim DRWO Mayes stated that the District obtained a cost proposal from Aquatic Inspections, Inc. (“Aquatic”) to have the following (5) reservoirs inspected, cleaned, and spot repaired as necessary: C-1, D-1, E01, E-2, AND J-1, as part of the District’s ongoing reservoir maintenance program. This is in response to the recommendation by the State Water Resources Control Board (“SWRCB”) in the District’s most recent Sanitary Survey. The work is scheduled for January 2018. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

MSC/Johnson/Floen 5/0 to approve the Aquatic Inspections proposal dated September 15, 2017 for wet cleaning, inspection, and spot coating repair of reservoirs C-1, D-1, E01, E-2, AND J-1. for a cost not to exceed \$24,000.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

9. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-979, AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO CLARIFY GENERAL MANAGER’S AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS IN AN EMERGENCY AND TO REVISE JOB DESCRIPTIONS – Recommend that the Board approved Resolution No. 17-979. A long discussion followed with the Board with the updated changes to the Resolution attached to the minutes at the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Johnnie Painter, Joshua Tree stated that the word “unlimited” makes him very nervous, however, there is language that is reference that wasn’t mentioned, which states, that the GM (in an emergency) also notifies the President of the Board. Mr. Painter assumes that it would mean what the expenditures are and maybe the President of the Board will talk with the other Board members. The language we are talking about does not actually specify that.

Gil Granito, Legal Counsel responded that the Board President has the power to call an emergency Board meeting if the need arises.

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree stated that he has a problem with the discretionary spending of the General Manager in an emergency. The Board is supposed to give the General Manager direction with the Board having the last word on everything that goes on in the District. Mr. Marquez also asked for the definition of major and minor emergencies.

AGM Greer responded that Mr. Marquez confused major and minor job descriptions with major and minor emergencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

Director Unger responded to Mr. Marquez that yes the Board is the boss of the General Manager so it is important that the Board choose a trustworthy, reliable, intelligent General Manager, which is a huge responsibility.

Motion by Director Hund to approve Resolution No. 17-979 with the minor amendments to Article 4.04.01 revised job descriptions are generally ok but change Committee “approved” to “review” and AFSCME “approval” to “concurrence”. Article 4.04.07 minor change to add after General Manager “his/her designee” and a minor spelling correction from “manger” to “manager”, with the context that the entire Article 4 will be reviewed by staff and brought back to the Board with more refinements.

Vice President Johnson commented that if it will be brought back to the Board with the changes, we should bring it back all at once.

President Luckman asked Vice President Johnson if he would like to table it and then asked AGM Greer to finish what she was saying.

AGM Greer responded that she was ok with the elimination of “unlimited” if that is the sticking point with the Board. However, she would really like the Board to give authority to the General Manager or his/her designee, which is the most important. A short discussion followed with Legal Counsel and the Board.

MSC/Johnson/Floen 4/1 to approve the original motion from Director Hund described above, without including the word “unlimited”.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	No
Unger	Aye

10. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - None
11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT- Assistant General Manager Greer stated that because of the inability to fill our tanks at night, because of the July 28 leak, we had to turn the pumps on during the day at SCE peak time. However, because of the installation of Soft Start on each of the wells it reduces the significant power demand required to start the wells, which in turn, reduces the cost of the daytime pumping penalty. A copy of AGM Greer's full report is attached to the minutes at the District.
12. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – (All comments should pertain to current Agenda items only)

Director Unger gave a brief overview of the MWA Board meeting she attended on September 14, 2017. President Luckman gave a summary on the MWA Board meeting she attended on September 28, 2017.

Public Outreach Consultant, Kathleen Radnich was absent but President Luckman gave a brief update.

13. 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 Floen
 - 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
14. 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