

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

May 3, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Mickey Luckman Present
Bob Johnson Present
Geary Hund Present
Rebecca Unger Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Sarah Johnson, HR Manager/Contract Administrator
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Gil Granito, General Counsel
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 5

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –
MSC/ Johnson/Unger 4/0 to approve the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 3, 2017
Agenda.

Hund Aye
Luckman Aye
Johnson Aye
Unger Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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 April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

MSC/ Hund/Unger 4/0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

Hund Aye
Luckman Aye
Johnson Aye
Unger Aye

7. RESOLUTION NO. 17-972 OBJECTING TO THE SALE OF TAX DEFAULTED PROPERTY. Recommend that the Board adopt Resolution No. 17-972 objecting to the sale of tax defaulted property and authorizing the Board Secretary to acquire property at APN #0589192560000. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree asked why the District needs to purchase more property when we could be spending the money on pipeline replacement.

Tom Floen, Joshua Tree stated that the property is located in a strategic location and the District may not need it now but let's acquire it while the price is low. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

MSC/ Hund/Johnson 4/0 to adopt Resolution No. 17-972 and authorize the Board Secretary to purchase the tax defaulted property at APN #0589192560000.

Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. RATIFICATION OF UNION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. Recommend that the Board adopt Resolution No. 17-973 implementing the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Joshua Basin Chapter of AFSCME Local 1902 for the period of September 3, 2016 to September 2, 2019, at a cost over three years of \$371,272. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree stated that at least 27% of the community is on a fixed income. The community would like the Board to do some cost cutting in other areas to make up for the increase in salary and benefits for the staff.

MSC/ Unger/Johnson 4/0 to adopt Resolution No. 17-973 and approve the ratification of Union Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

9. COMPENSATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT SUPERVISORY AND CONFIDENTIAL (MSC) EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT. Recommend that in adherence with Article VII, Section A of the Personnel Policy, Resolution No. 333-90 of the Joshua Basin Water District, that the Board of Directors adopt the revised compensation plan for the Management, Supervisory and Confidential employees, by adopting Resolution No. 17-974 at a cost over three years of \$279,000. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

MSC/ Unger/Hund 4/0 to adopt Resolution No. 17-974 and approve the compensation for the Management Supervisory and Confidential (MSC) employees of the District

Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

10. CONSIDER TERMINATION OF JOSHUA BASIN–HI-DESERT FINANCING AUTHORITY. Recommend that the Board approve the termination of the Joshua Basin-Hi-Desert Financing. (Approved by Finance Committee on April 26, 2017)

MSC/ Hund/Johnson 4/0 to adopt Resolution No. 17-975 and terminate the Joshua Basin-Hi-Desert Financing Authority.

Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

11. 2nd QUARTER ENDING 12/31/16 FINANCIAL REPORT
Recommend that the Board accept and approve the 2nd Quarter ending 12/31/16 Financial Report. (Approved by Finance Committee on April 26, 2017)
Board received for information only.
12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
 - B. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: President Luckman and Vice President Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
 - C. WATER RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Vice President Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
 - D. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Director Unger. Next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported on the following:
 - Victoria Fuller Celebration of Life May 17, 2017 from 4-6:30 pm
 - District Tours, Wild Crafting, JTNP, Water Education Festival and Farmers Mkt.
13. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Granito reported that SB 448 seeks to provide a definition of “inactive” and “idle” districts, makes changes to streamline the dissolution process for special districts and increases special district financial reporting requirements. Mr. Granito noted that the California Special Districts Association is opposing SB 448 and as such, this bill should be tracked closely as it moves forward in the legislative process.
- Mr. Granito further noted that inasmuch as the extended briefing appears to have been completed in the Chromium 6 litigation that is presently before the Superior Court in Sacramento, a decision may be forthcoming soon. This is the litigation that is challenging the MCL standard adopted by the Department of Health.
14. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – General Manager Curt Sauer reported on the following:
- Conservation numbers of 23.78% of water savings for the month of April. The District’s cumulative water savings is 18.69% as well.
 - Well 14 rehab is on schedule and progress is being made to bring it back on line by June 6, 2017
 - Chrome 6 update
 - Recharge- as of May 3, 2017 we have recharged about 500 AF of the 584 we will be taking.

- Emergency Conservation Ordinance 15-9 – The State has rescinded the emergency provisions for the drought. Our Ordinance has many water saving/conservation requirements, which the Board may wish to leave in place. The GM recommends leaving things as they are.

15. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting – **May 4, 2017 at 3:00 pm**– President Luckman (Please note date and time change due to ACWA Conference)
- ACWA 2017 Spring Conference May 9-12, 2017 Monterey, California – GM Sauer and President Luckman attending.
- ASBCSD – May 22, 2017 – The Roost Sports Café & Bar Hawks Landing Golf Club, 55100 Martinez Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284
- Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – June 1, 2017 at 10 a.m.

16. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

17. ADJOURNMENT

MSC/ Unger/Johnson 4/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:24 p.m.

Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary