

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice President Unger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – President Johnson (absent), Vice President Unger, Director Floen, Director Hund, and Director Reynolds are in attendance via teleconference.

STAFF PRESENT –Mark Ban, GM, Susan Greer, AGM, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, Anne Roman, Director of Finance, Jim Corbin, Supervisor – Distribution, Autumn Rich, Accounting Supervisor, and Brandon Warner, CIRP Supervisor, are in attendance via teleconference.

CONSULTANTS PRESENT –Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, Jeff Hoskinson, Legal Counsel, and Chris Brown, Auditor, are in attendance via teleconference.

OATH OF OFFICE – GM Ban gave the Oath of Office to newly elected Directors’ Tom Floen, Jane Jarlsberg, and Stacy Doolittle.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS –

MSC¹ (Jarlsberg/Reynolds) 5/0/0 motion carried to nominate Vice President Unger as President.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

MSC¹ (Jarlsberg/Unger) 5/0/0 motion carried to nominate Director Floen as Vice President.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC¹ (Reynolds/Hund) 5/0/0 motion carried to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT –GM Ban read aloud the following statement from David Fick:

Changes are coming, I’d first like to thank President Johnson for all he has done for Joshua Tree, including serving on the JBWD board. I first knew Bob Johnson as a Marine Base Community Liaison position (he might have the correct term). He was assigned to take notes on MBCA board meetings when I was President of MBCA in 2008 and 2009. At the time he was taking better notes than my secretary (MBCA has vastly improved). During the time, Walmart Super Center and Section 33/Joshua Tree Villas were major concerns for MBCA. In 2010, Bob Johnson approached then JT MAC Chairman Steve Whitman and me about an Easement by the Marine Base on Section 33 after the Joshua Tree Villas project was defeated. The Easement seemed to be Bob’s idea on helping Joshua Tree after four years of threatening Massive Development by Joshua Tree Villas. He greatly aided with the help of Mojave Desert Land Trust in the MDLT acquiring Section 33 through the Marine Base paying half the cost of acquisition with the required easement conditions. It probably wouldn’t have happened without Bob Johnson.

He then was appointed to the JT MAC and of course, he's been on the JBWD board ever since. Thank you Bob. Welcome to Stacy and Jane, you're in for a lot of fun and responsibility. We can't forget Tom and Mike - hi again.

The one recommendation I have is for your board to nominate Ms. Continuity - Becky Unger as your next President. Speaking of Section 33 and Continuity, there's Mrs. 33 - Susan Greer. I've called on her through the decades and she always impressed me - always.

CONSENT CALENDAR –

MSC¹ (Floen/Jarlsberg) 5/0/0 motion carried to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 20-1025 – GM Ban presented and read Resolution No. 20-1025 in honor of AGM Susan Greer for her dedicated service to the Joshua Basin Water District. Many comments, compliments were made by all and she will be missed by everyone.

MSC¹ (Reynolds/Floen) 5/0/0 motion carried to approve Resolution No. 20-1025.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Abstain: None

19/20 AUDIT PRESENTATION BY FEDAK & BROWN – Chris Brown, Auditor, Fedak & Brown, gave the presentation; no Board action required. A brief Q&A followed.

LEGAL UPDATE -SOCIAL MEDIA MODIFICATIONS TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT (AB992) – Jeff Hoskinson, Legal Counsel, gave the presentation and a brief Q&A followed. Board of Directors received for information only; no Board action required.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-1024, AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES AND DESIGNATING CONTACTS FOR THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND – AGM Greer stated that the proposed resolution identifies the General Manager, the Director of Finance and Accounting Supervisor as those new contacts. Any successor employees with the same titles are automatically authorized contacts for LAIF purposes.

This is an opportunity to remind the Board about the Local Agency Investment Fund, LAIF. LAIF was established by the California legislature in 1977 to provide investment options for local governments and is managed by the State Treasurer's Office (STO) and audited each year by the Bureau of State Audits. The STO manages over \$102 Billion in investments, including those of LAIF. By participating in LAIF, we have the expertise of the State's investment professionals, earning the best return while maintaining the safety and liquidity of our investments.

Funds on deposit with LAIF are highly liquid, with same-day accessibility if needed. Under Federal law, the State of California cannot declare bankruptcy, and by State law, monies placed on deposit with LAIF are safe, not subject to loan or seizure or impoundment by any state official or state agency.

LAIF has over 2,300 public agency participants that have invested over \$32 Billion with LAIF. The District currently has over \$10 Million invested with LAIF as indicated below:

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>DISTRICT RESTRICTED:</i>	
Operating & Cash Flow Reserves	\$3,296,657
Emergency Reserve	2,000,000
Replacement Reserves – meters, equipment & technology, buildings, studies/reports	1,026,200
Capital Reserve	1,720,073
<i>LEGALLY RESTRICTED:</i>	
Capacity Charges – water and wastewater	1,574,291
Customer and Project Deposits	369,618
Copper Mountain Mesa Assessment District	691,890
TOTAL	\$10,678,729

This was followed by a brief Q&A period.

MSC¹ (Reynolds/Jarlsberg) 5/0/0 motion carried to approve Resolution No. 20-1024.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Abstain: None

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ASSIGN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS -

President Unger made the following appointments:

Finance Committee – President Unger and Vice President Floen

Water Resources & Operations Committee – Director Doolittle and Director Reynolds

Legislative and Public Information Committee – Director Jarlsberg and President Unger

Solar Committee – Director Doolittle and President Unger

ACWA JPIA – President Unger and staff member Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration

TAC (MWA Technical Advisory Committee) – Revolving Board members

MBPLC (Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission) – Director Floen

LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Agency) – Revolving Board members - MSC¹ (Unger/Doolittle) 5/0/0 motion carried to authorize per diem to attend this meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Ban gave a report on operations and congratulated the new Board members.

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

- Kathleen Radnich, Public Information Consultant reported on the following:
 - Swamp/Evaporative Cooler Study – Delayed
 - BLM Wildcrafting Grant – Permanent signs are installed with two events remaining prior to grant completion (March plant sale and spring Wildcrafting Course).
 - MWA District Tour Grant – Diverting funds for a video tour due to COVID-19.
 - Water Education Day Grant/Plant Sale – Reducing event to only plant sale due to COVID-19.
 - United Way of the Desert – Was at Ink & Steel (located next to the Farmers Market) on Saturday, November 28, 2020 from 9-11 a.m. With radio promotion we had 4 applicants.

- ACWA Virtual Conference – Vice President Unger commented on the 2-day ACWA virtual conference she attended.
- Citizens Advisory Council – December 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. – No report
- Finance Committee – December 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. –Vice President Unger reported on the Finance Committee
- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors – December 10, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.-Vice President Unger reported on the MWA Board of Directors meeting.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – President Unger read off the list of upcoming meetings.

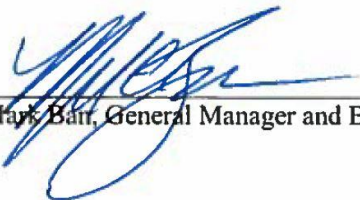
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION- President Unger adjourned to Closed Session at 8:50 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board of Directors returned to open session at 9:15 p.m.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION - The Board met in Closed Session on Item 17, relative to real property negotiations, and by unanimous roll-call vote, with all member present, approved a purchase agreement for San Bernardino County Assessor Parcel Number 0603-23-105-0000, in an amount of \$86,000. A copy of such agreement will be made available on request, once fully executed.

ADJOURNMENT – President Unger adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary