

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Luckman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present President Luckman, Vice President Johnson, Director Floen, Director Hund, and Director Unger.

STAFF PRESENT

Curt Sauer, GM, Susan Greer, AGM, Mark Ban, AGM Operations, Sarah Johnson, HR Manager, Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator, Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Gary Sturdivan, Sturdivan Emergency Management Consulting, Inc.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Director Hund seconded the motion.

MSC' (Johnson/Hund) motion carried by the following vote

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approve Draft Minutes of April 18, 2018

Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the Draft Minutes of April 18, 2018, and Director Floen seconded the motion. Director Unger abstained due to her absence at the April 18, 2018 Board meeting.

MSC' (Johnson/Floen) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Luckman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Unger

Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the Draft Minutes of April 25, 2018, April 30, 2018, and Resolution No. 18-985 (adding the Reserve Fund Policy to the Admin Code); Director Floen seconded the motion.

MSC' (Johnson/Floen) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

UPDATE ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN Gary Sturdivan, Sturdivan Emergency Management Consulting, Yucca Valley, CA, gave a brief update on the progress of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Public Comments None

No motion was made; the update was for information only.

RISK TRANSFER INSURANCE Sarah Johnson, HR Manager Contract Administrator, gave a brief overview to the Board on how risk transfer works and how it affects the District.

Public Comments None

No motion was made; the update was for information only.

WARREN VALLEY BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION REQUEST -  
GM Sauer gave an informational account of why the Department of Water Resources (DWR) needs to change the map in order for it to be depicted correctly as the narrative that is currently on file. In order to do this we need a letter from the Board stating that we support this change.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree stated that there is documentation from 2003 & 2004 on the boundaries of the Warren Basin aquifer and the Joshua Basin aquifer. These lines were determined by USGS just east of the Joshua Tree Retreat Center. The boundary was right there separating the Joshua Tree aquifer and the Warren Valley Basin aquifer and I don't understand why now they want to change it.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED-

GM Sauer clarified that the narrative is correctly written but the map is incorrectly depicted. This change allows the map to correctly correlate to the narrative.

Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the letter to the Department of Water Resources changing the Warren Valley Basin Boundary Modification Request. Director Hund seconded the motion.

MSC' (Johnson/Hund) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT None

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT GM Sauer showed a slide of the JBWD trailer water tank/generator that was stolen from the Well 16 site. He then yielded to AGM Greer to give the Board an update on the different loans that are available. AGM Greer gave a brief presentation of options for borrowing money. Which included the different loans available from USDA, CSDA, and Water Boards (CWSRF). A brief Q&A period followed with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree commented that in the past the JBWD has had bond funds that the rate payers were paying on and a couple of years ago the bond fund was paid off. Now the community is not in favor of bond funds because with the rate increases that they have had recently they are not in favor of bond funds. If the District wants to go in the direction of loans, the Board should look closer into the USDA loan instead of a bond fund.

Steve Whitman, Joshua Tree asked AGM Greer what LAIF pays us now.

AGM Greer responded 1.3%.

Steve Whitman, Joshua Tree, asked if AGM Greer is proposing that we pay 300% more to an outside agency than what we receive on our invested funds. He finds it a little ridiculous and he has looked at the spreads on what you receive from banks, money markets, and what you pay to credit cards. This is the worst he has seen in a long time.

AGM Ban gave the Board updates on the following:

- Disadvantaged Community Grant through Department of Water Resources for CR6 planning will be changed to a CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) Grant.
- Two Water Smart Grants each for \$300,000 (1) mainline replacement, (2) meter replacement.
- Carl Moyer Grant that replaces equipment that is no longer smog worthy.
- Well 14

GM Sauer updated the Board on the following:

- Informed the Board that all week is Peace Officer week and thanked all peace officers for their service and also remembered the fallen peace officers.
- Remodel completed this weekend
- Conservation was 21% for April; Cumulative is 18%
- Organization Assessment update
- A thank you letter from Wiefels Funeral Home

#### DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-

President Luckman commented on the ACWA Spring Conference she attended in Sacramento, CA.

Director Unger commented on the MWA Board meeting she attended on April 26, 2018.

Director Hund mentioned a newspaper article about a Riverside County Congressman who wants to ban lawsuits challenging California water tunnels.

#### FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

President Luckman informed everyone of all upcoming meetings.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Director Unger made a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 7:40 p.m. Director Floen seconded.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Johnson/Floen) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Luckman

Noes: None

Absent: Unger

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted:

  
Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary