

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Luckman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Gary Sturdivan led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Curt Sauer, GM, Susan Greer, AGM, Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator, Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, Gil Granito, District General Counsel, and 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<sup>1</sup> (Johnson/Hund) motion carried by the following vote

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Luckman

Noes: None

Absent: Unger

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approve the Draft Minutes of March 21, 2018

Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the Draft Minutes of March 21, 2018, and Director Hund seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Luckman

Noes: None

Absent: Unger

Abstain: None

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

Public Comments – None

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

APPROVAL OF TWO RESOLUTIONS, REQUIRED BY BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, TO APPLY FOR WATER SMART GRANTS, FOR METER REPLACEMENT AND MAINLINE REPLACEMENT, TOTALING \$600,000- GM Sauer gave the staff report.

Public Comments – None

Director Hund made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-983 authorizing staff to apply for the Meter Replacement Grant. Director Floen seconded.

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

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Luckman  
Noes: None  
Absent: Unger  
Abstain: None

Director Hund made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-984 authorizing staff to apply for the Mainline Replacement Grant. Director Floen seconded.

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

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Luckman  
Noes: None  
Absent: Unger  
Abstain: None

CONSIDER REVISIONS TO OPERATING BUDGET CYCLE – AGM Greer gave the staff report.

Public Comments – None

Vice President Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-984 authorizing staff to apply for the Mainline Replacement Grant. 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

RESERVE FUND POLICY – AGM Greer gave the staff report, followed by a brief Q&A period with the Board.

Public Comments – None

Vice President Johnson made a motion to adopt the Reserve Fund Policy. 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

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Granito reported that the California Legislature has and continues to look for solutions to help reduce California’s severe housing shortage. One such bill, currently pending before the Legislature is Senate Bill 831. Senate Bill 831 focuses on facilitating the construction of “Accessory Dwelling Units”. Mr. Granito indicated that Accessory Dwelling Units are known by many names such as granny flats; in-law flats; cottages; secondary units and more. It could be a garage apartment, a basement apartment, etc. In any event, Mr. Granito indicated that Senate Bill 831 could eliminate all or most development fees for Accessory Dwelling Units...This would include Capacity Charges that are imposed by Water and Sanitation Districts. As such, Senate Bill 831 is worth keeping an eye on.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer gave updates on the following:

- CEC Solar Grant
- Office Remodel
- Well 14
- Grants for meters and mainline replacement
- Auditor was here for a day
- Workshop week of April 30<sup>th</sup> on the Budget/CIP projects

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

Karen Tracy, Chairperson Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) informed the Board of the CAC spending time going over the new Legislative material on helping low-income families with their water bill. Three (3) members went to United Way to find out how this program works with water districts, in this case, Coachella Valley Water District. They fund this for people that are 200% below the Federal Poverty Level, and they still do not receive very many applications. Ms. Tracy continued to inform the Board of the Bills that are currently coming out of Sacramento.

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, reviewed Water Education Day with the Board with a brief presentation.

Director Floen gave a brief report on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting he attended on March 22, 2018. He also stated that Director Jim Ventura, MWA admired the way the Joshua Tree Community willingness to accept the reality that we needed a rate increase. Director Ventura, MWA contributed a lot of the success to our Public Outreach Program, which is managed by Kathleen Radnich.

President Luckman gave a brief report on the tour she went on at Victor Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Director Hund gave a brief overview of the recent JBWD Water Resources & Operations Committee meeting.

President Luckman mentioned the Victor Valley College Symposium that she attended with GM Sauer, Director Unger, and Kathleen Radnich.

Vice President Johnson thanked the CAC for their assistance with the Low-Income Rate Assistance Program. He commented on the riveting two-hour Finance Committee meeting that took place on April 12, 2018, and invited everyone to attend the next one.

President Luckman informed every one of the upcoming Director Meetings and future training opportunities. She also stated that she had appointed a Committee to do the General Managers evaluations, which are the same individuals from last year, Vice President Johnson and Director Unger.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Johnson made a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 8:04 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