

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

May 18, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Victoria Fuller	Present
Bob Johnson	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Rebecca Unger	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Seth Zielke, Director of Water Resources and Operations
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
Gil Granito, District Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill
Deb Bollinger, Bollinger Consulting Group

GUESTS 17

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – MSC/ Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the Agenda with the removal of Item #9- Update on NextEra Solar Project, proposed Will Serve Letter and Water Supply Agreement.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cookie Bellsborough, Joshua Tee- Asked the Board, for future reference, how do we protect Joshua Tree from being purchased from a private company or group? Also, with detrimental toxins and chemicals as a growing concern, what research is being done to investigate using plants as clean up versus expensive other sources?

Al Marquez, Sun Fair, Joshua Tree- Stated that there is a need for more transparency with the community and the Board of Directors.

Tom Baker, Joshua Tree – Asked the BoD to reconsider the imposed monthly fee on inactive meters.

Deborah Bollinger, Joshua Tree – Invited the BoD and the community to a free screening of the documentary “Pumped Dry A Global Crisis on Vanishing Ground Water, followed by a discussion with the film maker Ian James. Screening will be held on June 8th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Furst World. There is limited parking so if you would like to ride share please look on the Transition Joshua Tree Website or contact Deborah Bollinger and she will provide a phone number.

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 or any individual or organization interested in one or more consent calendar items wishes to be heard.

- A. Approve Draft Minutes of the April 27, 2016 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

MSC/ Reynolds/Luckman 5/0 to approve the April 27, 2016 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. **FOLLOW UP WITH "YOU TUBE PLAN"**

Recommend that the Board receive for information only. No action required.

General Manager Curt Sauer informed the Board that he will proceed with contracting Bob Stevenson for uploading the BoD meetings to You Tube for a fee of \$50 per meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Fuller asked if the \$50 was in addition to the current \$100 spent for a total of \$150.

General Manager Curt Sauer confirmed the total of \$150.

Director Reynolds, Director Unger and Vice President Luckman were in agreement for placing the meetings on YouTube because the BoD needs to be more transparent. However, DVD's will still be needed as some individuals do not have internet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karyn Sernka, Joshua Tree asked the Board for an opportunity to bid on the contract for placing the BoD meetings on You Tube.

Dorothy Etz-Joshua Tree asked if the DVD's could be available at the Public Library. The BoD informed Ms. Etz that the Public Library will no longer provide this service.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

8. **GOVERNOR BROWN'S MAY 9 EXECUTIVE ORDER; MAKING WATER CONSERVATION A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE**

Recommend that the Board receive for information only. No action required. General Manager Curt Sauer presented the Draft conservation regulations proposed by State Water Resource Control Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Sun Fair asked how much water was produced in the two months and how much was used in flushing fire hydrants. How many gallons were in leakage?

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

9. **UPDATE ON NEXTERA SOLAR PROJECT, PROPOSED WILL SERVE LETTER AND WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT**

Recommend that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the Will Serve Letter and Water Supply Agreement in substantially the same format as discussed.

Tabled until further notice.

10. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- A. **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Brief reports by President Fuller and Director Johnson. Next Meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2016.
 - B. **WATER RESOURCES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson. Next Meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2016. Vice President Luckman reported.
 - C. **LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** Vice President Luckman and Director Unger: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant to report. Next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2016.
11. **DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – NONE**
12. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT –** General Manager Curt Sauer reported on the 2015 Urban Water Management draft document for review. GM Sauer also informed the BoD of the upcoming Budget meeting on May 25, 2016.
13. **FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**
- ASBCSD
 - MWA
14. **DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- Vice President Luckman commented on the ACWA Conference that she attended.
 - Director Mike Reynolds commented on the ACWA Conference that he attended.
 - President Fuller commented on the ACWA Conference and the ASBCSD meeting.
 - Director Johnson commented on the ACWA Conference and stated that the JBWD problems are not unique.
 - Director Unger will be attending the June 11, 2016 Turtle Island dedication.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**
MSC Luckman/Reynolds, 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of May 18, 2016 at 8:30 PM.

Fuller Aye
Luckman Aye
Johnson Aye
Reynolds Aye
Unger Aye

Respectfully submitted:



Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary