

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

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

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

STAFF PRESENT –Mark Ban, GM, Susan Greer, AGM, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, Anne Roman, Accountant, and Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant are in attendance via teleconference.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC¹ (Floen/Unger) 4/0/1 motion carried to approve the Agenda with one (1) minor change to item # 9 Finance Committee was held on June 3, 2020.

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Reynolds

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE WATER AVAILABILITY (STANDBY CHARGES) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 – The annual standby public hearing is a legal requirement, necessary each year, whether or not there is a rate change. The proposed rates are unchanged since 1996 and authorized by the Uniform Standby Charge Procedures Act (Government Code 54984 et seq.). There were no written protests received. This was followed by a brief discussion with the Board of Directors.

MSC¹ (Floen/Unger) 4/0/1 motion carried to approve the Water Availability (Standby Charges) for Fiscal Year 2021.

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Reynolds

Abstain: None

JBWD PUBLIC OUTREACH PRESENTATION “A YEAR IN REVIEW AND LOOKING FORWARD” – Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant gave a brief presentation on public outreach communication building blocks realized over the past 12 months and shared a glimpse of further strategies anticipated for FY 2020-2021. A brief Q&A followed. No action taken.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Ban commented that staff approached MKA Architecture to provide some preliminary schematics for our Customer Service lobby remodel. The mobile office will be dropped on June 29, 2020.

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

Kathleen Radnich reported on the following:

- The State water conservation model ordinance is on hold; partly due to COVID-19, as well as the two drafted bills, SB606 and SB1668 addressing water conservation and are apparently contradictory of each other.

- AWAC has commissioned Robin Kobaly’s Summertree Institute to create an on-line

(virtual) 5th-12th grade water curriculum, called, "Water: Enabler of Life." It should be available this fall, and is full of videos, experiments, etc. It will be on the MWA website, and intended for general public access, at this point in time.

- We are still waiting for an opening to return to the Farmers' Market. Because of COVID-19, the Market is still operating at a limited capacity, having to reduce the number of participating vendors due to expanding the spacing between booths. Our space was given to a new farmer, food considered an essential item, and to date, no farmers have vacated their space.

Director Floen gave a brief update on the MWA Technical Advisory and the MWA Board of Directors meeting both had a common subject matter, the Delta.

Karen Tracy, President, Citizens Advisory Council, stated that every member of her team attended the June 9, 2020, CAC meeting. GM Ban gave updates on the Wastewater Treatment Strategy and the Low-Income Assistance Program.

Vice President Unger tried to comment on the Finance Committee but had technical difficulties.

President Johnson stated that the Finance Committee referred the budget to the Board of Directors for final approval. He thanked the CAC because the Standby Fee's were an issue and thought that Director Floen did an excellent job for systematically walking everyone through Standby Fees and what they mean.


Director Hund commented that he thought we would revisit the level of assistance that rate-payers are currently getting and raising that level of assistance. He also commented on the WRO Committee and that GM Ban covered the COVID-19 Return to Work Policy.

Vice President Unger commented on MWA Board of Directors meeting on June 11, 2020. She stated that the Governor handed down a Water Resiliency report at the beginning of the year and that MWA Board of Directors added their own comments, but it seems to be causing some problems. There was also a presentation from Nick Schneider MWA's Water Conservationist and Forecast Manager.

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

ADJOURNMENT – President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary