

MEETING MINUTES



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER 2, 2024, 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Floen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM & ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: President Floen, Vice President Doolittle, Director Jarlsberg, Director Fick

Board Members Absent: Director Short

Staff Present: General Manager Johnson, Director of Finance Roman, Director of Administration Shook, Executive Assistant Thompson

Consultant(s) Present: Public Outreach Consultant, Kathleen Radnich, Legal Counsel, Jeff Hoskinson

Citizens Advisory Council Member(s) Present: David Carrillo

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Jarlsberg made a motion to approve the agenda and seconded by Vice President Doolittle, approved by the following vote:

1 st / 2 nd	Jarlsberg/Doolittle
Ayes:	Floen, Doolittle, Jarlsberg, Fick
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Short

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker: Melvin Smith, Joshua Tree Resident

Summary: Melvin Smith expressed concerns about his recent \$1500 water bill and noted that he had received unusually high bills recently. Mr. Smith expressed that he does not believe he has a leak. He also raised concerns about the fairness of the tiered billing system.

Follow-up: General Manager Johnson stated that staff will follow up with Mr. Smith to review his concerns.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. DRAFT MINUTES – 09.18.24

Vice President Doolittle made a motion to approve the 09.18.24 draft minutes, seconded by Director Jarlsberg, approved by the following vote:

1st/ 2nd	Doolittle/Jarlsberg
Ayes:	Floen, Doolittle, Jarlsberg, Fick
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None

Absent: Short

6. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION -_None

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION CALENDAR

A. RECOGNIZE AND THANK SHARI LONG AND KAREN MORTON FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

PRESENTED BY: GENERAL MANAGER, SARAH JOHNSON

RECOMMENDED ACTION: PRESENT SHARI LONG AND KAREN MORTON WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

President Floen informed the board that, after the agenda was posted, Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) member Aret Zelli submitted a resignation from the CAC, and Zelli was added to item 7A. The Board of Directors expressed their gratitude to Shari Long, Karen Morton, and Aret Zelli for their years of dedicated service on the CAC. President Floen and Vice President Doolittle presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation.

B. OVERVIEW OF GROUNDWATER IN THE JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT SERVICE AREA

President Floen announced that Agenda Item 7B has been removed from the agenda because the USGS Consultants could not attend tonight's board meeting.

8. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

President Floen

- None

Vice President Doolittle

- Doolittle requested staff to review the CAAP policy for improved customer support.

Director Jarlsberg

- Jarlsberg shared positive feedback on participating in the Z1077 candidate forum and expressed optimism about the upcoming elections. She also attended last week's CSDA webinar on the Board's Role in Finance.

Director Short

- Absent

Director Fick

- Fick expressed sympathy for resident Melvin Smith's high water bills and shared a similar personal experience with high water usage.

General Manager Report

Johnson reported on the following:

- Johnson reported the successful US Water Alliance (USWA) visit, highlighting the USWA's positive feedback on the district's facilities and maintenance efforts, which they stated were impressive. Despite being a smaller District, USWA noted that the district's public outreach exceeds that of larger agencies. A graph developed by Director of Finance Roman and Director of Administration Shook from the Farmers Market event revealed the community's top concerns in order of importance: sustaining the aquifer, water quality, environmental protection, monthly costs, and sewer connection being last. The US Water Alliance secured a contract with Jacobs Engineering to assist the District with developing a Chromium 6 Alternatives Analysis. Johnson also reported she is collaborating with Copper Mountain College in their efforts to create water-centric courses. Finally, she reported that the USGS presentation is tentatively rescheduled for November 6, 2024, board meeting.

Staff Reports:

Director of Finance Anne Roman reported the following:

Roman provided an update on her preliminary 6/30/24 financial report, noting net revenues exceeded Rate Study projections. Further comparisons are being conducted to ensure the Rate Study's relevance. Roman emphasized the higher revenues are likely an anomaly, not an intentional surplus, and net income is expected to decrease with final audited financials next month.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Director Jarlsberg, seconded by Director Fick and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Johnson, General Manager & Board Secretary






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