

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

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

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – President Johnson, Vice President Unger, Director Floen, and Director Reynolds.  
Director Hund-Absent

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Director Unger nominated Bob Johnson to stay on as President. Director Floen seconded. Director Unger also commented that after Mickey Luckman’s passing, Director Johnson showed great leadership in breaking the tie vote to appoint a new director on the Board.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Unger/Floen) 4/0/1 motion carried.

Ayes: Floen, Johnson, Reynolds, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Hund

Abstain: None

President Johnson nominated Director Unger for Vice President. Director Floen seconded the nomination.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Unger/Reynolds) 4/0/1 motion carried.

Ayes: Floen, Johnson, Reynolds, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Hund

Abstain: None

STAFF PRESENT –Mark Ban, GM, Susan Greer, AGM, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, Anne Roman, Accountant, and Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT –Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –MSC<sup>1</sup> (Reynolds/Unger) 4/0/1 motion carried to approve the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jane Jarlsberg, Joshua Tree, asked why the minutes were not on the Agenda. President Johnson replied that the minutes are under the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Before the vote there was a brief Q&A with the Board.

President Johnson motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Vice President Unger seconded.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Reynolds/Unger) 4/0/1 motion carried.

RECEIVE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER ENDING 9/30/19 FINANCIAL REPORT – AGM Susan Greer gave the staff report. This was followed by a Q&A period with the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jane Jarlsberg, Joshua Tree asked what the refund checks were.

AGM Greer stated that when a person comes into JBWD to apply for an account Customer Service will initiate a soft credit check to determine their credit rating. Green is great credit and no deposit required, yellow and red rating will require a deposit. Your deposit is then put in trust with us and if the account is paid every month, you will receive your deposit back. However, if your account is closed, we will apply your final bill to your deposit and if there are monies left then JBWD will send a refund check, even if it’s just a penny.

Vice President Unger motioned to accept and file the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ending 9/30/19 Financial Report. Director Reynolds seconded.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Unger/Reynolds) 4/0/1 motion carried.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Ban reported on the following to the Board:

- Leaks on La Brisa Drive – 200 ft of replacement pipe
- Wastewater Treatment Strategy
- 4-Log Treatment for Well 14
- Saddleback Project – have put in 80 services and replaced 20 fire hydrants
- Received encroachment permit from Cal Trans
- Over 500 meters have been replaced. Meter reading used to take 15 days a month now it only takes 2.5 days.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jane Jarlsberg, Joshua Tree asked about the high usage by housing. There is an apartment building on Hillview (with grass) that has water running down the highway. She is asking if this could mean there are leaks there also.

#### DIRECTORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS, AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

Vice President Unger reported that GM Tom McCarthy gave a presentation on “Water and the Morongo Basin, the Past, Present, and Future” at the MAC meeting. This was a well-received and easy to understand presentation.

Frank Coate, CAC- reported on the Citizens Advisory Council in the absence of Chairperson Karen Tracy. They received a presentation from Randy Little – Production Supervisor – on wells, reservoirs, and pressure stations; along with different aspects of the system. This was a very well received presentation.

Vice President Unger reported for Kathleen Radnich, Public Information Consultant, and relayed to the Board that the Xeriscaping class has been rescheduled to February 22, 2020 from 1-4 p.m. here at the District.

President Johnson stated that the Finance Committee check register is really riveting to go through and invited one and all to attend.

Director Reynolds reported on the Water Resources & Operations Committee stating that normally Director Hund the Chairperson for the Committee would report but he is absent today. We discussed the over 500 meters installed, Saddleback project, and the 4-Log treatment strategy. He also stated that there seems to be water regularly flowing from the CHP office, which is due to their sprinkler system.

President Johnson reported on the MWA Board meeting he attended on January 9, 2020. He found most interesting is what will happen to water rates in the upcoming years. This last year we had about a 4% increase in water rates, however, this year we should see about a 2.5% increase only.

Director Reynolds recognized Tenia Sebastian whom just recently moved to Joshua Tree with her family, who expressed interest in the Water District.

Vice President Unger gave a recap of losses and wins for the JBWD for last year.

Director Floen informed the public on how and why a regular meeting is changed to a special meeting per the Ralph M. Brown Act.

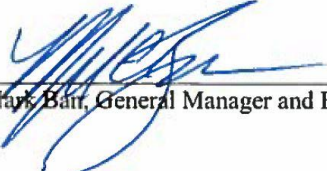
#### FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –

President Johnson read off the list of meetings and opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT – Vice President Unger motioned to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Director Floen seconded.

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Unger/Floen) 4/0/1 motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,




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Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary