

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Luckman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present – President Luckman, Vice President Johnson, Director Floen, Director Unger, Director Hund Absent.

STAFF PRESENT

Curt Sauer, Mark Ban, AGM – Operations, Susan Greer, AGM, Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

Gil Granito, Legal Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Director Floen seconded the motion.

MSC¹ 4/0/1 (Johnson/Floen) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Hund

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Draft Minutes of July 18, 2018, Meeting of the Board of Directors
- Resolution No. 18-988 Changing Office Hours (approved by Board of Directors on July 18, 2018)

Director Floen made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Vice President Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar with a correction on page 4 of the draft minutes to add the word “solely.” to the sentence “Vice President Johnson made a motion to authorize the General Manager to sign a preliminary quote with California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to obtain a \$3,000,000.00 Lease-Purchase Loan **solely** for the implementation of the Mainline Replacement Program and the Capital Improvement Program.

MSC¹ 4/0/1 (Floen/Johnson) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Hund

Abstain: None

ANNUAL RE-APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT POLICY - AGM Greer gave the staff report, followed by a brief discussion with the Board.

Vice President Johnson made a motion to re-approve the Investment Policy. Director Unger seconded.

MSC¹ 4/0/1 (Johnson/Unger) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Hund

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 18-989 AMENDING ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.04.01 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE – AGM Greer gave the staff report followed by a brief discussion with the Board.

Director Floen made a motion to approve the amendment. Director Unger seconded.

MSC¹ 4/0/1 (Floen/Unger) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Hund

Abstain: None

CIP NO. A18015, SADDLEBACK WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – AGM Ban gave the staff report and a brief discussion followed with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Al Marquez, Joshua Tree stated that he appreciates and the community supports the mainline replacement. The project has to be engineered and designed, plus the expenditure to reinstall the mainline. Mr. Marquez referred to projects in the past that were engineered but never moved forward with after they were engineered. One case in point is that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, item #8 Engineering Services for Miscellaneous Line Replacement Projects – Recommend the Board authorize the staff to enter into an agreement with Nolte Engineering to engineer three (3) separate projects at the cost of \$41,900.00. Point being there has been other projects that have been engineered throughout the years, and they have never been fruitful. He would hope that the Board and the staff would go back and find out why the projects were never done over ten (10) years ago.

Director Floen responded that it is the Board's job to keep an eye on this and to ensure that there are no unnecessary delays. This is a different time, and I have been out there where the guys are in the hole trying to fix the leaks they are out there all of the time working on the pipe. The pipe was originally wrapped for preservation. However, there was no visible wrapping on it because the pipe had been in the ground so long it disintegrated.

President Luckman asked AGM Ban if we have old engineering it would need to upgrade to current standards. AGM Ban concurred and said that he also wants to take into account the future. i.e., a sewer system that we would want to leave enough space for this.

Director Floen made a motion that the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to enter into an agreement for the survey and design of the District's Saddleback Watermain Replacement Project with West Coast Civil, Inc. Director Unger seconded.

MSC¹ 4/0/1 (Floen/Unger) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Floen, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Hund

Abstain: None

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Granito provided an update on the status of the proposed Tax on Water and SB 998, which provides for statewide water shut-off procedures.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer informed the Board that the Low-Income Assistance Program began today and we have already received approval for the first enrollee. He then yielded to Mark Ban for an update on the Chrome 6 conference call, hosted by the Metropolitan Water District, he attended today.

AGM Ban commented that the Division of Drinking Water wants to bring it before the State Resources & Control Board the framework for propagating MCL's in the future. A brief Q&A followed with the Board.

GM Sauer stated that a few weeks ago, the Board approved buying the equipment for the Capital Improvement Program and purchase orders were approved for the equipment. However, since the PO's were entered before the August 1, 2018 deadline, we saved 5-20% on the equipment. We were looking at a 2018 Front End Loader, but the 2018's were not available so the distributor is giving the District a newer 2019 model at no additional cost.

AGM Ban explained that Lynch came out (no additional charge) last Tuesday to do another round of disinfection on Well 14. They also brought their representative from Ready Chlor and the seven days prior to the second round; we had all absences with our testing.

Director Floen asked where JBWD was on Well 11.

AGM Ban replied that once they need to see how the samples from Well 14 have done over the past week. However, Well 11 is one of the items to bring back to the Board if Well 14 isn't back online soon.

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

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported on the following:

- Low-Income Assistance Program launched TODAY and applications are available in the District lobby
- Water Wise and Ready Radio Program, as of this week, we have begun airing 1-minute segments of water for emergencies "how-to prepare tips" five times a week. New weekly episodes can be heard on Kix Hot Country, 96.3, in the Morongo Basin, and 92.3 (low desert)—which has the widest regional area coverage.
- Farmers' Market - This month's theme is, "Water School 101". If you haven't attended Water School 101, yet, you'll be rewarded upon successful completion with a cool bucket filled with conservation gadgets. To attend, simply go to www.jbwd.com and click on the "Water School 101" icon.
- We will also be promoting the District Tours and the Landscape Irrigation Workshop, as well.

Director Unger reported on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting she attended on July 26, 2018

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –

President Luckman informed every one of the upcoming meeting.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS –

Director Unger commented on the opening of the Crisis Rehab Center.

Vice President Johnson thanked the first responders and reminded everyone to ensure they carry water, especially when walking in the JTNP.

Director Floen shared an anecdote.

ADJOURNMENT – Director Unger made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Director Floen seconded.

MSC¹ (Unger/Floen) motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary