

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

March 1, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Mickey Luckman	Present
Bob Johnson	Present
Victoria Fuller	Absent
Geary Hund	Present
Rebecca Unger	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 3
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –
MSC/ Johnson/Unger 4/0/1 to approve the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, March 1, 2017 Agenda.

Fuller	Absent
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None
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 February 15, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - B. Approve Check Register from January 2017 (approved by the Finance Committee on 02/27/17)MSC/ Johnson/Hund 4/0/1 to approve the Consent Calendar

Fuller	Absent
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye
7. RESOLUTION NO. 17-969 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEDICATING A DAY TO KIRBY BRILL AS HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Recommend that the Board approve Resolution No. 17-969.

GM Sauer informed the Board that Kirby Brill of the Mojave Water Agency would be retiring sometime between April and October 2017. Kirby has been instrumental in our partnership. He has always made himself available to me, the Board and to this District. GM Sauer read Resolution No. 17-969 to the Board. The date for Honorary Kirby Brill President of the Board of Directors day will be determined at a future date and time. A brief comment period with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MSC/ Unger /Johnson 4/0/1 to approve the Resolution No. 17-969

Fuller	Absent
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. RESOLUTION NO. 17-970 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCURRING WITH CUCAMONGA VALLEY ATER DISTRICT IN THE NOMINATION OF KATHLEEN J. TIEGS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (“ACWA JPIA”).

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MSC/ Johnson/Unger 4/0/1 to approve the Resolution No. 17-970.

Fuller	Absent
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

9. GENERAL MANAGER AMENDED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
Recommend that the Board approve the Amendment to the Employment Agreement with the District’s General Manager, which was negotiated pursuant to the guidelines provided by the Board. A brief comment period with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree - Stated that he has tremendous respect for the General Manager, however, the CPI index for 2016 was at 2.1% and the GM is receiving a 6.38% raise.
Tom Floen, Joshua Tree – Informed the Board that he is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee and was interviewed by the GM to be on the Committee. He finds the GM to be entirely satisfactory and energizing.
Director Unger responded to Mr. Marquez’s CPI comment that the Committee had looked at the CPI and determined that GM Sauer’s raise was the next two and half years.

MSC/ Johnson/Unger 4/0/1 to approve the General Manager’s Employment Agreement.

Fuller	Absent
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Vice President Johnson and Director Fuller. Next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- B. WATER RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Vice President Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Director Unger. Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant to report. Next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2017.

Kathleen Radnich gave a brief report on the upcoming Water Education Day and that on Saturday's at the Farmer's Market we have a meet and greet with a Board member from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. She also showed a brief presentation on what a ratepayer's monthly bill pays for.

11. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – No Report

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer gave a brief update on Well 14, Chromium 6, NextEra, Construction and Maintenance position and the work load in the office. He also informed the Board that he received a request from an architectural firm, requesting an updated Will Serve Letter for Dollar General. We have informed them of a need to certify that they are authorized representatives of Dollar General in order to send them a Will Serve Letter and that a \$5,000 deposit is required to cover District costs for plan review.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Al Marquez stated that at a previous meeting he had mentioned water loss and broken pipes and that the GM said he would come back to me with the information on how much water loss the District had within 3 months, 6 months or a year. At this point, Mr. Marquez has not received any information pertaining to his question.

14. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting – March 9, 2017- Director Hund
- ACWA 2017 Spring Conference May 9th-12th, Monterey California
- ASBCSD –March 20, 2017-Place to be determined

15. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Johnson reported that he was excited that AB401 was moving forward for low-income individuals. This will be one of the challenges we have on the Finance Committee is how to incorporate this within our budget structure. There is a job fair on the Marine base with stellar people and maybe it would be a good idea to start an internship. VP Johnson thanked the men and women in uniform and those that have retired and to our first responders for men and women in law enforcement.

GM Sauer responded that HR Manager Sarah Johnson is looking into a program called “Helmets to Hard Hats”. I had a discussion with Jaqueline Rhodes with Hazen and Sauer, and the city of Coachella has looked at increasing rates and with Anion Exchange, the costs are higher. This could create a water rate that is 4% above the median household income for a disadvantaged community. There may be grant or a principal forgiveness programs that we are exploring with the SWRCB.

President Luckman spoke about the failure of the spillway of the Oroville Dam. The video showed chunks of concrete being torn out and a hole forming. They said that tiny bubbles, which act like little jackhammers on the concrete, caused this. This is an identical problem as the spillway on the Grand Canyon Dam on the Colorado River in 1983. This is a known potential problem that has never been addressed. The message that comes across loud and clear is we must continually maintain our infrastructure or it will fail us when we need it most. This is one of our GM's biggest achievement, drafting and getting passed the Capital Improvement Plan and now working on funding it. This won't be cheap 2 million dollars a year for the foreseeable future to replace pipe and 500K to maintain it.

We recently learned that Richard Fountain passed away. His mental map of the District and its water lines, hydrants and valves was truly astonishing. I was told that Richard was proudest of his time on the Joshua Basin Water District Board and serving as its President. I would like to close tonight's meeting acknowledging his service and the contributions he made to the District.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MSC/ Unger/Johnson 4/0/1 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:20 p.m.

Fuller	Absent
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary