

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 19, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Floen called the board meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. CONSIDERATION OF TELECONFERENCING NOTIFICATIONS OR REQUESTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS - None
3. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – President Floen, Vice President Doolittle, Director Jarlsberg, Director Short, Director Fick

STAFF PRESENT – Director of Finance, Anne Roman, Director of Administration, David Shook, Interim Director of Operations, Jeremiah Nazario, General Manager, Sarah Johnson, Executive Assistant, Lisa Thompson

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT – None

CONSULTANTS PRESENT – Jeff Hoskinson, Legal Counsel, Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

1<sup>st</sup> - Jarlsberg

2<sup>nd</sup> - Short

5/0/0 motion carried to approve the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

6. ACTION CALENDAR

A. CLIMATE CHANGE AND JOSHUA TREE PRESENTATION

PRESENTED BY: VICE PRESIDENT DOOLITTLE

Vice President Doolittle gave her PowerPoint Presentation on Climate Change and how it affects Joshua Tree. The presentation was for information only, and there was no reportable action.

B. PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT

PRESENTED BY: Kathleen Radnich, Consultant for Public Outreach

Kathleen Radnich shared the following information:

1. Radnich thanked President Floen for enduring the heat with her at the Farmer's Market last weekend.
2. The activities announcements will be posted in either the August and/or September newsletter.
3. The Docent meetings will be planned quarterly.
4. On Friday, September 22, 2023, a docent meeting covering the fall classes will be held at the district office from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. They will be discussing water wise lavender gardens, pest fighting plants, and edible plants.
5. The El Nino and Sandbag event partnered by the San Bernardino Fire Department will be held at the district office Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
6. Radnich announced the themes she is promoting this month at the Farmer's Market booth which are the aquifer recharge and maintenance efforts, and new Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

In August, the Farmer's Market booth will be promoting water harvesting to save water from outdoor landscaping.

7. The District received a grant award of \$15,000 from Mojave Water Agency for the Water Conservation Media Campaign for fiscal year 2023-2024.
8. In June, there were free water wise tree seedlings and 90 trees given away to the local community.
9. Radnich briefly talked about the Constant Contact opening rates for the monthly newsletter.
10. Radnich mentioned that the Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) membership is dropping due to various reasons, and the recent resignation of Glen Harris. Radnich is urging the community to join the CAC.
11. Mojave Water Agency partnered with Hi Desert Cultural Center for the Water in the Desert art expo event in Joshua Tree in September 2023.
12. Radnich shared a video of the Water Education Festival 2023 at La Contenta Middle School that she had participated in. Radnich thanked Accounting Supervisor, Autumn Rich for her help at the event.
13. Radnich offered her heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Steve Corbin's passing to staff, immediate family, and friends.

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

### A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT –

General Manager, Sarah Johnson reported on the following:

- Johnson announced that Glen Harris had resigned from the Citizen's Advisory Council and the committee is currently accepting applications.
- Johnson shared that there were recent upgrades to the boardroom. We used sound equipment that we already had to improve the sound quality. A larger TV was purchased to enhance the viewing of presentations and meetings.
- Our field staff finished paving the shop parking lot.
- The District purchased new Toyota trucks for our field staff
- Our field staff received a new vacuum.
- The D-1-1 booster skid was received.
- We have a second LIHWAP Day scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2023, at the district boardroom.
- Johnson offered her heartfelt condolences for the loss of our dear Production Supervisor, Steve Corbin. Johnson also asked for a moment of silence in honor of our staff members Kelly Stewart, Jim Corbin, Steve Corbin and Director Barbara Delph who passed away.

### B. DIRECTOR REPORTS AND COMMENTS -

#### PRESIDENT FLOEN –

- Reports – There was a service line by President Floen's property that was leaking for the second time, and our field crew came out to replace the line with copper pipe. Floen said he had a meeting with field staff and asked how many times they will clamp and patch the service line before it's replaced. Floen shared how impressed he was with the work of our field staff, even in the heat. Floen noticed Construction and Maintenance I, Jake Palmer using his device to GPS the leak, which is used to indicate the size, type, and location. The data collected is prioritized where the field will work next for pipeline replacement due to leaks.
- Comments – Floen offered his condolences on the passing of Steve Corbin and said that he will miss.

#### VICE PRESIDENT DOOLITTLE-

- Reports – Vice President Doolittle attended the MWA Board Meeting on July 13, 2023, and shared that there was a discussion on the need for an imported water management policy. MWA will be doing stream gage data point monitoring in Pioneertown in the future.
- Comments - None

DIRECTOR JARLSBERG-

- Reports – Director Jarlsberg attended the WRO Committee on July 12, 2023.
- Comments – Jarlsberg mentioned if anyone has thought of going to Mark Lundquist to see if he would be interested in joining the CAC. At the board member interviews, Jarlsberg mentioned that she asked Mark Lundquist if he would want to join the CAC if he was not selected to be on the board. Jarlsberg said that she has someone in her neighborhood in mind to see if they would apply to join the CAC. Jarlsberg offered her condolences to the passing of Steve Corbin. Jarlsberg said that she will miss Steve Corbin and mentioned that he should be recognized for his invention of the skimmer and get some type of an award for the innovation. ACWA has an award system. Jarlsberg suggested that we encourage other districts of the use of the skimmer invention.

DIRECTOR SHORT-

- Reports – No meetings attended
- Comments – Director Short offered his condolences to the passing of Steve Corbin.

DIRECTOR FICK-

- Reports – Director Fick attended the ASBCSD dinner meeting on July 17, 2023, with Vice President Doolittle and mentioned that he met a lot of people at the event.
- Comments – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

1<sup>st</sup> – Doolittle

2<sup>nd</sup> – Short

President Floen called the board to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sarah Johnson, General Manager & Board Secretary





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