

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

November 2, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Victoria Fuller	Present
Bob Johnson	Present
Mickey Luckman	Present
Mike Reynolds	Present
Rebecca Unger	Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Seth Zielke, Director, Water Resources and Operations
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
Gil Granito, District Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill

GUESTS 7

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC/ Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the Agenda with the following change: Item #6 Consent Calendar – Approve Draft Minutes of the October 19, 2016 meeting not the November 19, 2016 meeting.**

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree asked if you have a closed session item when is it proper to make public comment on it? Is it just before the item or after the closed session has ended?
Gil Granito, Legal Counsel replied that it was a universal rule and it can be before or after.
Mr. Marquez stated that back in 2010 the cost of the Recharge Pipeline Extension would be approximately \$4M which increased to \$6M then \$9,600,000. Since most of the grants were received from the Mojave Water Agency, he hasn't heard an explanation to where the rest of the funds came as the Water Resources and directly from them. He would like a clarification to where the District actually received the \$6 to \$8M from.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

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 October 19, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- B. Approve Check Registers from July, August and September 2016.

MSC/ Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the November 19, 2016 Minutes of the Board of Directors with the change from November 19, 2016 to October 19, 2016 and approval of the check registers from July, August and September 2016.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. **JBWD CLOSURE- Employee Training November 16, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Recommend that the Board receive for information only. GM Sauer informed the BoD of the training that would be given and that it was mandatory for all employees. *(Staff Report attached)*

A short discussion followed between the Board and GM Sauer

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

8. **PROPOSAL TO UPDATE SURPLUS PROPERTY PROCEDURES**

Recommend that the Board authorize the General Manager to update the current procedure and to bring the procedure back to the Board for approval. Additionally, that the Board direct the General Manager to dispose of the current inventory of surplus computers.

GM Sauer gave a brief report on the status of the old computers and a brief discussion between the Board and GM Sauer followed. *(Staff Report is attached)*

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree stated that in 2008 the surplus computers and monitors were raffled off to the rate payers of the District. Also, in 2012 the computers were donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/ Unger/Luckman 5/0 to approve the General Manager to update the current Surplus Property Procedures. Also, with approval to dispose of the current inventory of surplus computers and monitors as he deems appropriate.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

9. **PAVING OF THE DISTRICT PARKING LOT** – GM Sauer reported on the condition of the District parking lot and discussed the many pot holes, cracks and areas that are in need of repair. GM Sauer pointed out the parking lot has not been repaved in 29 years and is a safety hazard to the rate payers and employees of the District. (*Staff Report attached*). A short discussion with the Board followed.

MSC Luckman /Johnson, 4/1 to approve the General Manager to enter into a contract for the repaving of the District’s parking lot not to exceed \$46,750, which includes the 10% contingency.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	No
Unger	Aye

10. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** President Fuller and Director Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
- B. **WATER RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Vice President Luckman and Director Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. **LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** Vice President Luckman and Director Unger. Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant to report. Next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Kathleen Radnich thanked Gil Granito, District Counsel for volunteering his time to the Native Plant Program. JBWD is one of five finalists in the State of California at the ACWA Conference for Hugh Howser Best in Blue Award. The winner will be announced at the ACWA Conference on December 1, 2016.

She also thanked all the partners in the Community that helped this project go forward. Also, the Association of Water Agencies informed us that they will feature the JBWD in a one-page article in their next newsletter. On Friday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. we will have our year end meeting.

GM Sauer commented that this project is being looked at by the BLM, National Parks regionally and Fish & Wildlife. This project will be repeated throughout the United States. This project came to fruition not only because of Gil Granito but also because of Kathleen Radnich.

President Fuller also thanked Kathleen Radnich for an outstanding job.

- 11. **DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** – Gil Granito reported that The Little Hoover Commission (State watchdog agency) has moved their agenda to report on Public Agency Healthcare and Global Warming. Their final report will be issued in April 2017.
- 12. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT-** GM Sauer reported on the conservation percentages for the District. GM Sauer also commented that there was considerable discussion at the State Water Resource Board that some Districts were sliding in their conservation and that there was a discussion about returning to mandatory conservation targets. ACWA is actively working with State Government to get the right word out. It’s not an emergency but is a way of life to be incorporated. Conservation and protection of the aquifer is important but so are revenues from water sales. GM Sauer went on to suggest November 9th at 2:00 p.m. for a Special Board meeting to discuss Union Negotiations, the BoD concurred.

13. **FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

- ASBCSD – Hilton Garden Inn, Victorville, CA - November 14, 2016 –Director Reynolds
- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting – November 17, 2016- Director Unger
Director Johnson will be attending for Director Unger.
- ACWA 2016 Fall Exhibition November 29, 2016 to December 2, 2016- Anaheim Marriott-
President Fuller, Vice President Luckman, Director Unger and GM Sauer attending.

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

Director Unger reported on the Webinar she attended that was put on by ACWA and she attended the MWA BoD meeting that was at Copper Mountain College.

Director Johnson also attended the MWA meeting that was at Copper Mountain College and that it was very impressive. He encouraged the public to attend the Finance Meetings that are held monthly. Director Johnson mentioned that he was still pursuing the low income and fixed income bill and that at the Finance meetings they discuss this. If the public has suggestions on how to address the issue, please call the District and get a hold of him.

Director Reynolds also attended the Webinar and the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Yucca Valley Water District.

VP Luckman attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for Yucca Valley Water District and the Webinar. She commented that the take away from the Webinar was that we would be in a state of drought forever and certainly in the desert areas. Water conservation will be a way of life.

President Fuller attended the Copper Mountain Mojave meeting and encouraged the public to go and checkout the desert wise planting.

15. **CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – At this time the Board will go into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to consult with the District's designated negotiator (Curt Sauer, General Manager) regarding the terms and conditions concerning the potential acquisition of the following real properties:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree noticed that there were six parcels across the street that the District is contemplating on purchasing. He questioned why the District would buy the property when the District already has property behind the current office. The six parcels assessed value is \$54,000 and hopes that the BoD doesn't spend any more than the properties are valued at.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT-

Mr. Granito reported that at approximately 7:23 PM the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 as reflected in item 15 of tonight's agenda to consult with the District's designated negotiator (Curt Sauer, General Manager) regarding the terms and conditions associated with the potential acquisition of the real property identified in the agenda. The Closed Session ended at approximately 7:52 PM and no further reportable action was taken.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

MSC Reynolds /Unger, 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of July 1, 2016 at 7:52 p.m.

Fuller	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary