

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

January 18, 2017

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager
Randy Mayes, Interim Director, Water Resources & Operations
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 5

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA –**
MSC/ /Fuller/Johnson 5/0 to approve the January 18, 2017 Agenda

Fuller	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Don Risser, Joshua Tree asked about the engineering project on Singletree, they added a new pipeline but the aftermath is a deterrent. It is a mixed message to the people that live here. Part of it looks like a road but some boulders were scattered in the area so we are unsure if it's a road or not. Mr. Risser asked if it would be left like this.

GM Sauer responded that it was a pipeline that was constructed on private land to extend the mainline up toward Tortuga but short of Desert Sands to bring water to the three houses that were just built. It's not a road; the project was done by a contractor not by the JBWD. Mike Wilson said that the reason why the boulders are still there is to keep people from driving on it and to help trap seeds, which they haven't raked it out yet. The issue is a good issue, however, JBWD is in a position where the construction was done on private land and the agreement is between the property owners and the contractor. There was no discussion on what the final rehab would like nor do we have regulations that state that. When construction is taking place on private land and not on County roads, we don't have a say.

Mr. Risser replied that he understands there is a contractual agreement between the property owner and the holder of your easement; however, under general theory of liability you do have a responsibility to leave it in a safe manner.

GM Sauer told President Luckman that he would be more than willing to discuss the issue with Mr. Risser after the Board meeting.

David Ficke, Joshua Tree commented on the JT Solar project and that he recently heard that NextEra is asking for a permanent water meter. Mr. Ficke stated that there was a cease and desist letter sent to the County from their legal representation in October of 2016. So far, they have destroyed 6 buildings at the airport without the proper permits including the east entrance gate, which is no longer there. The County gave a renegade fence permit so now there is a fence surrounding the property but all activity has stopped. It is clear that the meter will forward this project, awarding a permanent meter, should be stayed.

Tom Floen, Joshua Tree informed the Board this Saturday is the third Saturday of the month in which the County has the household hazardous waste drop-off next to the Feed Store off the highway.

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree stated that the Board should have Robert Brown and Ethics training. Mr. Marquez also stated that the Special Meetings that the Board has only has one item on the Agenda and it's a Closed Sessions, however, there are no decisions made after the Closed Session. In addition, Well 14 rehab has been going on for over 6 months in which 2-acre feet has been pumped out and flooding Sun Fair road. Mr. Marquez stated that the BoD is not using Roberts Rules of Order and they need to it's a state law.

President Luckman commented that the Board does not use Roberts Rules of Order for public meetings.

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.

- Approve Draft Minutes of the January 4, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- Approve Draft Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

MSC/ Fuller/Johnson 5/0 to approve the January 4, 2017 and January 9, 2017 Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 17-968 UPDATE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE ARTICLE 6 –**
Recommend that the Board approve the revised Article 6 of the Conflict of Interest Code.
Assistant General Manager Greer’s Staff Report is attached brief comments by the Board followed.

MSC/ Hund/Unger 5/0 to approve the Resolution No. 17-968 update of the Conflict of Interest Code Article 6 by the Board of Directors.

Fuller	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- A. **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Director Fuller and Vice President Johnson. Originally scheduled for January 30, 2017 has been rescheduled to January 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
 - B. **WATER RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** President Luckman and Vice President Johnson. Originally scheduled for January 30, 2017 has been rescheduled for January 23, 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 February 1, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Kathleen Radnich, Public Information Officer reported that Friday, February 20, 2017 is the Docent meeting to ramp up for Water Education day at the JBWD boardroom. JBWD also sponsors a Toastmasters club, which helps people with their public speaking to ensure that they are timely, accurate and efficient. Toastmasters meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

9. **DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - None**

10. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT-**
GM Sauer reported on the following:

- NEXTERA – According to discussions with Jess Melin, NextEra’s potential buyer has backed out of the agreement. They want to meet with field staff on January 18, 2017 to discuss construction meter and infrastructure needs. Waiting on County update as to what they can do or not do during the lawsuit.
- GM Sauer reminded the Board that his annual evaluation is coming up.
- County Mental Health Facility – A will serve letter was given to the County yesterday. It includes the requirement to install a mainline south of the property, 8 inch, to replace the 4 inch that is there, and installation of a denitrification septic tank
- Bureau of Reclamation will be here the week of January 30 to initiate a pilot study for stannous chloride at wells 15 and 16. Miguel Arias Paic will also present to the Board at the February 1, 2017 Board Meeting.

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

- ASBCSD – January 23, 2017, Antonio’s Restaurant Rancho Cucamonga – President Luckman
- Mojave Water Agency Special Board of Directors Meeting – January 24, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Director Unger – No comment.

Vice President Johnson – No comment.

Director Hund gave a brief report on the Mojave Water Agency BoD meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2017 that he and President Luckman attended.

Director Fuller commented that with all the rains we have had, this is still a desert and regardless of it, we have to treat our water as we are in a desert and we are still in overdraft.

President Luckman named Director Unger and Director Johnson for the ADHOC Committee to review GM Sauer’s annual evaluation

12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MSC Fuller/Unger 5/0 to adjourn the Board Meeting of January 18, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.

Fuller	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:



Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary