

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Luckman called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Curt Sauer, General Manager., Mark Ban, AGM-Ops, Susan Greer, AGM-Fin., Anne Roman, Accountant, Sarah Johnson, HR Mgr., Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Jonathan Abadesco, Fedak & Brown (Auditor)
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Hund made a motion to approve the Agenda with a change to item #10 it should read “Water Resources & Operations Committee – November 8, 2018, President Luckman and Director Hund”.

MSC¹ (Hund/Unger) motion carried by the following vote

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Corbin, Employee Joshua Basin Water District, thanked and complimented Board of Directors on making the hard decisions that they have had to make this past year. He believes that this Board of Directors puts their hearts into their jobs and as an employee, he gets to see the fruits of their labor with staffing, and infrastructure improvements, it has been a long time coming. Mr. Corbin thanked Tom Floen for his time on the Board in which he had the opportunity to work with him as he would show up on the scene after hours. Director Floen has always been professional and respectful of the employees that are fixing the leaks. Mr. Corbin continued to say that it isn't always easy or cheap to provide safe drinking water. Some past Boards have kicked the can down the road but this Board has not, and this is a huge accomplishment for this Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters on the Consent Calendar are considered routine in nature and will be enacted in a single motion without discussion. Any Board member or member of the public may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and acted on separately.

- Draft Minutes of November 7, 2018, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
- Draft Minutes of November 7, 2018, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Director Unger made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with a change to page 2 of the draft minutes should be corrected to say “Director Unger made a motion to authorize the General Manager to adjust the 2018/2019 Budget to clearly identify costs and offsets for the CIRP for 2018/2019. Director Floen seconded the motion”. Vice President Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/2018 AND 2017 – AGM Greer gave a staff report and introduced Jonathan Abadesco of Fedak & Brown. Mr. Abadesco proceeded to give a presentation of the audit review of 6/30/2018 and 2017. He informed the Board of Directors that the Joshua Basin Water District received a clean audit. A Q&A period followed with the Board. The Audit was received, accepted and filed.

UPDATES ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN – GM Sauer gave a presentation on what has been accomplished so far with the Strategic Plan. A brief Q&A period followed with the Board.

Abstain: None

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer updated the Board on the following:

- Conservation figure for the month of October is 29% lower than October 2013 and November is 10% lower than November 2013.
- DWR Draft Basin Boundary Modification
- CEC Solar Grant
- Review of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Forming an Alliance of Community Water Systems

DIRECTOR COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED -

Public Outreach Consultant – Kathleen Radnich gave an update on the number of United Way applications we have received to date. Reminder on the December 24th-25th and December 31, 2018, and January 1, 2019 closures of the District offices. There will be a Legislative and Public Information Committee Meeting on January 2, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at the District office. Ms. Radnich gave a heartfelt thank you to Director Floen for all the help he gave her at the Farmer's Market. She continued to say that it has helped to have all of the Directors at the Farmers Market come by and interact with the public.

Director Unger reported on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting she attended on November 8, 2018. PG&E's Hinkley Project Mgr. Betsy Brunswick gave a brief update on remediating Hinkley's groundwater. She continued giving a brief overview of the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting.

Vice President Johnson formally thanked Director Floen for his tireless energy on the Finance Committee and that he came aboard running and knew what needed to be done. The staff is most appreciative of Director Floen's diligence and just wanted to say thanks, and we will see you again.

Director Hund commented on the Water Resources and Operations Committee that they reviewed the draft job descriptions.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES -

President Luckman read off the list of future meetings and discussed when the certified election results would be determined.

Director Unger volunteered to be on the Finance Committee and was accepted.

Director Floen commented on how superior the field guys and the amazing job they do every day. He continued to thank the administrative staff and urged the public to review the documents online to see how intricate they are. Inside and out the employees are absolutely doing the best job possible and was proud to be a part of the Board.

Director Hund thanked Tom Floen for being on the Board and has a great deal of respect for Director Floen and hopes he will remain in some capacity with the District.

Vice President Johnson dittoed Director Hund's sentiment and that it has been a pleasure and to be mindful of President Bush's passing and Godspeed to the men and women in service and the first responders.

Director Unger stated that she has been watching the District since 2007 and that Director Floen is the best Director she has seen on the Board.

President Luckman agreed that Director Floen is the best Director she has seen and worked with on the Board and she has been on the Board for 10 years.

ADJOURNMENT –

Director Unger made a motion for adjournment at 7:42 p.m. Director Johnson seconded.

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

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, Luckman, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Curt Sauer, GM, and Board Secretary