

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – President Johnson, Vice President Unger, Director Hund, Director Luckman, and Director Reynolds.

STAFF PRESENT -Curt Sauer, GM, Mark Ban, AGM-Operations, Sarah Johnson, HR Manager, and Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT - Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach, Jennifer Farrell, Rutan & Tucker, LLP. and Mr. Gil Granito, Redwine and Sherrill, District Counsel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR – Regular Board Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2019 and adjourned regular Board meeting April 10, 2019.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-10, ESTABLISHING DISTRICT BASED ELECTIONS – Ms. Jennifer Farrell, Rutan & Tucker, LLP stated that all parties have a preference of Map #103 and tonight is the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 19-10. If adopted, Map #103 would be implemented. If you vote in favor of Map #103 and Ordinance No. 19-10, staff and myself will be working with the Registrar of Voters to implement the map. A brief Q&A followed with the Board.

GM Sauer informed the Board of Directors that Ordinance No. 19-10 would go into effect in November 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Sunfair Community spoke in reference to boundaries of Map #103. Even though the Board has decided on District #103, has anyone spoke to LAFCO or the Association San Bernardino County Special Districts, SB Planning Commission to see if they could re-district Joshua Basin Water District.

GM Sauer explained that District 1 is not the Sunfair Community District it incorporates Copper Mountain Mesa, Sunfair Community, and are East of Coyote Lake.

Ms. Jennifer Farrell, Rutan & Tucker, LLP replied that she did not go to LAFCO as LAFCO is for creating new agencies or splitting up old agencies; we are just creating voting Districts. This is still Joshua Basin Water District, it's just a different way of voting for the Board. Yes we did have to skew the boarders a little bit to get the population correct in each District.

Tom Floen, Joshua Tree North stated that 3 years ago Kathleen McDonald, LAFCO was mostly concerned with the overall boundaries and the Districts with the most influence, which are two areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED –

Vice President Unger made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-10 establishing and implementing District based elections. Director Luckman seconded.

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

Ayes: Hund, Johnson, Luckman, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

CONTRACTING WITH TERRA VERDE ENERGY TO CONDUCT THE NEXT PHASE OF SOLAR FEASIBILITY STUDY – GM Sauer gave the staff report and analysis of the next phase of the Solar Feasibility Study. A brief Q&A period followed with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Gayle Austin, Joshua Tree stated that we should take advantage of the sun and even if we broke even it would be good for the ecology system. It's important to find out if it is feasible, and what is the best way and then go forward from here.

Al Marquez, Sunfair Community agrees that the Feasibility Study should go forward, he asked if it is a rooftop solar, solar field or a solar farm. Mr. Marquez asked the Board if they had followed the recent updated code from San Bernardino County restricting solar fields.

Director Hund replied that the Consultant will be making recommendations, but primarily ground mounted and the District would need 7 to 10 acres to generate enough electricity for the District. Vice President Unger responded that in the Utilities field, the County Supervisors can issue a waiver. This was followed by GM Sauer informing the Board that the restrictions are based on 10-50 acres and we are looking at 3-7 acres.

Director Hund made a motion to direct the General Manager to retain Terra Verde to conduct a feasibility study in order to prepare a RFP (Request for Proposal) to install a solar project to offset electrical pumping costs at a cost not to exceed \$37,000.00. Vice President Unger seconded.

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

Ayes: Hund, Johnson, Luckman, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

GEOVIEWER-CMMS MODULE CREATION WITH TYLER INTEGRATION- AGM Ban stated that during the 2018/2019 budget, the Board of Directors approved a contract with Nobel Systems, which included providing a mobile global information system (GIS) platform. The next step is to construct a CMMS system that will be used in conjunction with Tyler, Incode (District Billing Software). A Q&A followed with the Board.

Director Reynolds made a motion to approve Nobel Systems moving forward with the creation of a Customer Maintenance Management System (CMMS) to include integration with Tyler, Incode (District Billing System), in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for set up fees. Director Luckman seconded.

MSC¹ (Reynolds/Luckman) motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Hund, Johnson, Luckman, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – GM Sauer stated that at the April 17, 2019 Board of Directors meeting, Director Reynolds requested an agenda item to discuss the minutes of the Committee meetings. Committee minutes are created for each Committee meeting; to include the Finance, Water Resources & Operations, Legislative and Public Information, and the Citizens Advisory Committee. Minutes are approved at each of the above mention meetings. The minutes are then posted along with the Agenda's and Agenda Packets on the JBWD Website. This was followed by a discussion with the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Beverly Waszak – Explained to Director Reynolds that the staff reports he was seeing in his Board packet, is what each of the Committee's had discussed and referred to the Board of Directors for approval.

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Gil Granito had no report but commented that he is receiving inquiries from Political Activists asking what are the terms of your District Officers? This signals to me that there are Political Activists there that can compile a survey and targeting Special Districts on getting State Legislative to limit the terms of elected officials.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer reported to the Board of Directors on the following: Emergency Preparedness, Hazard Mitigation, and the Dollar General Project. GM Sauer then went on to recognize JBWD staff – Steve Corbin, Anne Roman, Field, Finance, and Customer Service staff.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED –

Kathleen Radnich, Public Information Outreach, informed the Board of Summarizing Class on April 30, 2019, Wild Crafting Course, Farmers Market May theme, MAC meeting, and Water Education Day Festival, May 16, 2019.

Director Reynolds commented on the Mojave Water Agency meeting he attended on April 25, 2019.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –

President Johnson read off the changes in the upcoming and canceled meetings due to the ACWA Conference in Monterey.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:02 p.m., Vice President Unger made a motion to adjourn. Director Luckman seconded.

MSC¹ (Unger/Luckman) motion carried

Respectfully,

Curt Sauer
General Manager and Board Secretary