

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of January 17, 2018
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Mickey Luckman Present
Bob Johnson Present
Geary Hund Present
Rebecca Unger Present
Tom Floen Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Gil Granito, Redwine & Sherrill
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

GUESTS 9

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

MSC/Hund/Johnson 5/0/0 to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of January 17, 2018.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gayle Austin, Joshua Tree asked the Board to commit political suicide and approve the rate hike for the greater good of the community. This Board did not cause the issues that now require a steep rate hike, but this Board does have the opportunity to approve the rate hike and address the issues.

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree referred to the mailer that had been sent out and that the opposing letters had to be 50% of the voters per the guidelines of LAFCO. He also questioned the 2.5 million to replace meters and again referenced 29 Palms electronic meter replacement at 1.2 million.

John Stang – Joshua Tree opposes the \$60k that is budgeted each year for USGS and does not think the information we receive from them is beneficial, and it is a waste of time.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

6. CONSENT CALENDAR –

MSC Johnson/Hund 5/0/0 to approve the Draft Minutes of 12/202017 and December 2017 check register.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. WELL 14 REHABILITATION – GM Sauer stated that Well 14 has been offline for approximately 2 years, with rehabilitation efforts started in February 2016. The GM considers this an emergent situation, as the inability to bring this well back online would create an untenable position for the District. We have developed a plan for the next steps with staff, Water Systems Engineering of Kansas City and Dudek Engineering. Bids were requested from four (4) companies, with the known capability to meet additional standards for pumping down to 740 feet below ground surface. Bids received will be opened the afternoon of January 17, 2018, and a more accurate cost to conduct this 4th effort will be known at the time of the next Board meeting. A brief Q&A period followed with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree asked Mike Metts, Dudek Engineering, when they pump out the water in 20-foot increments are they sampling each batch.

Mike Metts, Dudek Engineering, replied yes.

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree stated that we have already spent over 550K for Well 14 and now another 185K on top of that. If we have to spend another 800K-900K for Well 10 that takes away from fixing the pipes in the ground.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/Floen/Hund 5/0/0 to approve the General Manager to take such actions as needed, to further treat Well 14, at a cost not to exceed \$225,000.00 with a 10 percent contingency of \$22,500.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. PRESENTATION BY MIKE METTS, DUDEK ENGINEERING ON VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS – Mike Metts gave a brief overview on projects such as tank rehabilitation, water flow modeling, Tilford’s Way’s pipeline replacement engineering and potential complexities of replacing booster pumps, such as at the G booster station (which is located at the E-1 tank). A brief Q&A period with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree, asked Mike Metts of Dudek Engineering when you have a disparity of 50% do you and make sure they understand what the contract entails. Mike Metts, Dudek Engineering, replied yes.

John Stang, Joshua Tree inquired about the Fire Department regulations and stated that when a house sells, it should automatically be upgraded with an irrigation system.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

9. RECRUITMENT OF THE DIRECTOR WATER RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS (DWRO) POSITION - After a brief discussion with the Board, GM Sauer recommended that the DWRO position be revised as Assistant General Manager of Operations, which is in alignment with the high priority recommendation from Doug Spiers, Westin, Inc. (organizational assessment).

MSC/Unger/Hund 5/0/0 to approve the revised job description of the DWRO to Assistant General Manager of Operations.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

10. FINAL WATER STORAGE AGREEMENT WITH MOJAVE WATER AGENCY – After a brief discussion the Board accepted the MWA Water Storage Agreement and directed the GM to sign said Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree asked if we had to pay MWA back would JBWD be able to deduct 15% for shrinkage.

GM Sauer replied yes that if MWA stored 10,000-acre-feet, then JBWD would pay MWA for 8,500-acre-feet.

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree referred to what he thought was a USGS report from 2010 where the water levels of Well 14 rose from 2004-2006 and 2008 to 2010. Mr. Marquez also stated that for people to say that we don't have a natural recharge; is not a true statement because of recharge from septic tanks.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC Unger/Floen 5/0/0 to approve the MWA Water Storage Agreement.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

11. AGREEMENT WITH MOJAVE WATER AGENCY FOR WATER SUPPLY CONNECTION AND TRANSFER OF FACILITIES AT THE RECHARGE TURNOUT – After a brief discussion the Board accepted MWA Water Supply Connection Agreement and directed the GM to sign said Agreement.

MSC Hund/Johnson 5/0/0 to approve the Water Supply Agreement with MWA.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

12. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Granito indicated that he had no report. However, as a point of clarity, he indicated that voter registration is not the basis upon which one may lodge a protest to proposed water rate increases. Generally speaking, that pursuant to Prop. 218, is provided to those who are impacted by the proposed increases such as parcel owners and customers.

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree interrupted the Board meeting to ask Mr. Granito, General Counsel, for clarification on the voting process.

Mr. Granito responded that per Article 13 of the Constitution the standing for voting is parcel owners or customers, with only one (1) vote per parcel.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT - GM Sauer gave a brief report on the following:

- Chrome 6
- USDA Grant Money
- Solar AdHoc,
- Reorganization
- C-1 Tank
- Time of Source

14. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS-

Director Unger reported on the Solar AdHoc meeting.

Director Hund regrettably was unable to attend the MWA Board meeting due to a traffic accident. He also reported on the Solar AdHoc meeting he is chairing.

Director Floen reported on the Finance Committee meeting.

President Luckman reported on the Water Resources and Operations Committee meeting.

15. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – President Luckman read the list of upcoming meetings.

16. ADJOURNMENT-

MSC/Unger/Johnson 5/0/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of January 17, 2018, at 8:10 p.m.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary