

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Unger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. via teleconference.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – President Unger, Vice President Floen, Director Doolittle, and Director Jarlsberg are in attendance via teleconference. Director Reynolds arrived at 6:23 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT –Mark Ban, General Manager, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, Anne Roman, Director of Finance, Jim Corbin, Director of Operations, Autumn Rich, Accounting Supervisor, and Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant, are in attendance via teleconference.

CONSULTANTS PRESENT –Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, Jeff Hoskinson, Legal Counsel, are in attendance via teleconference.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC¹ (Floen/Doolittle) 4/0/1 motion carried to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Reynolds

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR – MSC¹ (Jarlsberg/Floen) 4/0/1 motion carried to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Reynolds

Abstain: None

APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 – Anne Roman, Director of Finance, gave the staff report that included the following:

The appropriation limit (a.k.a. the Gann Limit) was enacted in 1980. The purpose of the Limit is to place an annual limit or restriction on the growth of *tax-funded* programs and services. The Limit provides for an annual increase no greater than the increase in the cost of living, plus the increase in population. The proceeds of taxes *in excess of* appropriations must be designated for purposes exempt from limitation or returned to taxpayers. Proceeds of *taxes* have been interpreted to include:

- general tax revenues
- proceeds from investment of tax revenue
- revenue from user fees/charges that exceed the cost of providing the service
- unrestricted state/federal grant revenue

Factors of the 21/22 calculation follow:

- The cost of living (based on per capita personal income) increased from 3.73% to 5.73%.
- The population for unincorporated portions of San Bernardino County, which applies to JBWD, decreased from 0.32% to -0.2%.
- The calculation using these two figures result in an increase of 5.519% or \$106,140.

- The District anticipates approximately \$569,277 in general tax revenues (the “free” portion of the 1% property tax) plus up to \$115,000 in interest revenue, which is also subject to the Limit. All other revenues, such as user fees (because they do not exceed the cost of service) are not subject to the Limit. The total of these subject revenues, \$684,277, is significantly below the 21/22 appropriation limit of \$2,029,480. This was followed by a brief Q&A Period with the Board members.

MSC¹ (Floen/Jarlsberg) 4/0/1 motion carried to approve the Appropriation Limit for FY 2021.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: Reynolds

Abstain: None

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – General Manager Ban informed the Board on the following:

- Considerable progress made at Well 14 over the weekend.
- Motor control center is in.
- The meter section and the C1② pump have not yet arrived.
- Ortega Strategies and Morongo Basin Water Districts are in a collaborative effort to address cannabis grows.

OPERATIONS REPORT – Jim Corbin, Director of Operations reported on the following:

- Pre-construction meeting with Auto Camp
- Completed 3 miles of debrushing on Tilford and repaired 55 potholes.
- Edison had a scheduled shutdown on Sunday, July 18, 2021, Well 15 was without power but we had the generators in place, so all went well.

DIRECTOR MEETING REPORTS -

Kathleen Radnich, Public Information Consultant, reported on the following:

- Volunteer Docent meeting is August 26, 2021, from 5-6 p.m. in the Water Wise Demonstration Garden.
- Farmer’s Market theme this month is Water Drip Irrigation month and managing soil moisture landscape issues to reduce water loss.

The Board members commented on their Committee assignments and the public meetings they attended.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS & TRAINING OPPROTUNITIES – President Unger read off the list of upcoming meetings.

CLOSED SESSION – The Board of Directors adjourned to closed session at 7:23 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board of Directors returned from closed session at approximately 8:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – MSC¹ (Floen/Jarlsberg) 5/0/0 motion carried to adjourn the regular Board of Directors meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary