

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

July 5, 2017

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  
Randy Mayes, Interim Director Water Resources and Ops.  
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator  
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

GUESTS 4

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –  
President Luckman made a change to move Item #9 to Item #7 and Item #7 to Item #9.

MSC/Johnson/Hund 5/0 to approve the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, June 21, 2017 Agenda with the change of moving Item #9 to Item #7 and Item #7 to Item #9.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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.

- A. Approve Draft Minutes of the July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- B. Salary Schedule (Reviewed by Finance Committee on May 24, 2017)

MSC/ Johnson/Floen 5/0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. WELL 14 REHABILITATION – APPROVAL TO FUND ADDITIONAL WORK- Recommend that the Board authorize the General Manager to take such actions as needed, including the amendment of the Tri County contract, to further treat Well 14, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 with a 10 percent contingency of \$15,000. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al, Marquez, Joshua Tree commented that it has taken since February 2016 to get Well 14 back online, along with the high cost, we could have drilled a new well.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/ Johnson/Floen 5/0 to approve the General Manager to take such actions as needed, including the amendment of the Tri County contract, to further treat Well 14, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 with a 10 percent contingency of \$15,000.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. DISCUSS RATE STUDY SCENARIOS – Recommend that the Board approve the first three scenarios as a starting point for development of 2017 rate study alternatives. (Reviewed by Finance Committee on June 26, 2017). Susan Greer, AGM gave a presentation on the different scenarios. Followed by a Q&A with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MSC/ Unger/Floen 5/0 to approve the first three scenarios, as a starting point, for the development of 2017 rate study alternatives.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

9. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-978, ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 – Recommend that the Board adopt Resolution No. 17-978. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree asked if it was an increase from last year for this special tax?

Susan Greer, AGM replied that it is neither a tax nor an increase to a tax.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/ Johnson/Floen 5/0 to adopt Resolution No. 17-978.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

10. MID BUDGET REVIEW 16/17 AND 17/18 – Recommend that the Board approve proposed changes to the 16/17 and 17/18 budgets as recommended by the Finance Committee on June 26, 2017. (Reviewed by Finance Committee on April 26, 2017 also) A brief discussion with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree, asked the Board members, that are on the Finance Committee, for more information on what they discussed during the meeting. A brief discussion followed with Vice President Johnson and Director Floen.

Johnnie Painter, Joshua Tree objected to the words “slush fund”. There is nothing more important than saving for the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/ Johnson/Floen 5/0 to approve the changes to the 16/17 and 17/18 budgets as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

11. LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO THE CADIZ WATER PROJECT – Recommend that the Board approve the President of the Board to sign the letter of opposition to Cadiz. Leslie Thornburg, Cadiz Inc. had a Q&A session with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree pointed out that in the past the Board stated that it was not in the land use business, except when it pertains to Joshua Tree.

Johnnie Painter, Joshua Tree commented that anyone that claims a project of this scope and magnitude has zero effect on the environment is an absurdity.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/ Unger/Hund 3/2 to approve the Board President signing the Cadiz Opposition Letter.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	No
Johnson	No
Unger	Aye

12. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – None
13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – None
14. DIRECTOR REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –.
- Mojave Water Agency – June 22, 2017- Rebecca Unger – Kirby Brill Retirement Ceremony
  - Finance Committee – June 26, 2017 – Bob Johnson and Tom Floen
  - Legislative and Public Information Committee – Kathleen Radnich, PIO to Report

Summer Wild Crafting class dates are now scheduled:

- Seed harvesting overview: Thursday, July 25, 10AM-11AM (JBWD Board Room)
- Hands-on field excursion: Tuesday, August 1st, 7AM-8:30AM (all meet here first)
- Seed cleaning and propagation: Friday, August 11th, 10AM-11:30AM (JBWD Board Room)
- JTNP Nursery Tour: Thursday, September 7th, 10-11AM
- Grant application awards with MWA/AWAC will be announced any day, however, we have been informed of MWA having to cut back as much as 75% in special project funding.

15. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –

- Citizens Advisory Committee – July 12, 2107 at 6:00 p.m.
- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting – July 13, 2017 – Vice President Johnson
- ASBCSD – July 17, 2017 –El Pescador, 14144 Green Tree Blvd., Victorville, CA 92395
- Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – August 3, 2017 at 10 a.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MSC/ Unger/Johnson 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 8:38 p.m.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:

  
Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary