

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Floen, Director Hund, and Director Reynolds.

STAFF PRESENT –Mark Ban, GM, Susan Greer, AGM-Controller, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, and Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT – Jeff Hoskinson, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd, Romo, and Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Vice President Unger made a change to Item #7 with the addition of David Carrillo to be appointed to the Citizens Advisory Council.

Director Reynolds moved to approve the Agenda. Director Hund seconded.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT –Fred Jaross, Joshua Tree, proposed that Yucca Valley put a regional plant in Joshua Tree instead of having to pump up hill by Home Depot. This move would incur savings to the College, Hospital, and Sheriff's office.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Board of Directors approved the consent calendar with the following vote.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BOARD TO APPONT NEW CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER – Karen Tracy, Chairperson, Citizens Advisory Council, explained that Dave Mistal was not present and introduced David Carrillo to the Board of Directors. After a brief Q&A with the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors appointed David Carrillo to the Citizens Advisory Council.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Dave Mistal, who was originally on the Agenda to be appointed, did not attend the Board meeting and therefore was not appointed to the Council.

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT (“THE DISTRICT”) ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION –Board to consider approving a change in attorney representation from Red Wine and Sherrill to Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo (AALRR). Jeff Hoskinson, Partner, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd, and Romo gave a brief overview of their firm. This was followed by a Q&A period with the Board of Directors. Director Hund motioned to approve Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd, and Romo to represent the District. Director Unger seconded.

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

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Unger

Noes: Reynolds

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-1009 IMPLEMENTING POLICY TO REQUIRE OWNER AUTHORIZATION FOR TENANT ACCOUNTS AND ALLOWING OWNER CONTINUOUS SERVICE AGREEMENT – AGM Greer gave the staff report followed by a brief Q&A with the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jane Jarlsberg, Joshua Tree, asked what the percentage is of landlords that include water in their rental agreements.

AGM Greer responded that she didn’t know and there was no way for her to know the amount.

Barbara Delph, Joshua Tree, stated that the Board owes the fiscal responsibility to the rate payers and not the landlords. The landlord’s profit from rentals and receive tax breaks, and they should be screening their renters, but if not, that is on the landlord. The ratepayers should not have to absorb the problems that the landlords bring on themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSED –

Vice President Unger motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-1009 implementing policy to require owner authorization for tenant accounts and allowing Owner Continuous Service Agreement. President Johnson seconded.

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

Ayes: Floen, Hund, Johnson, and Unger

Noes: Reynolds

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 19-1008 ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR 2019-2020- AGM Greer gave the staff report followed by a brief Q&A with the Board of Directors. Director Reynolds motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-1008 establishing the Appropriation Limit for 2019-2020. Director Hund seconded.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Ban updated the Board of Directors on the Saddleback mainline replacement project and 4-Log treatment for Well 14.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED –

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant reported on the “Great Shake Out”, District Tours, Low Income Assistance Program, Evaporative/Swamp Cooler Study, Farmers Market, and the Legislative and Public Information Committee.

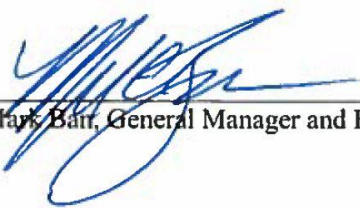
Director Floen reported on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting he attended on September 12, 2019.

DIRECTOR MEETINGS, AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES-

President Johnson read off the list of upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – President Johnson adjourned the Board of Directors meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary