

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, and Anne Roman, Accountant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT –Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach, and Mr. Andy Beck, CPA, Fedak & Brown (Auditor)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –.

MSC¹ (Hund/Unger) 5/0/0 motion carried to approve the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR – President Johnson motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Vice President Unger seconded.

MSC¹ (Johnson/Unger) 5/0/0 motion carried.

18/19 AUDIT PRESENTATION BY FEDAK & BROWN, CPA'S – Mr. Andy Beck, CPA, Fedak & Brown gave a presentation of the 18/19 Audit. A brief Q&A followed with the Board.

Vice President Unger motioned to accept and file the 18/19 Audit. Director Floen seconded.

MSC¹ (Unger/Floen) 5/0/0 motion carried.

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT COLLECTIONS POLICY – AGM Greer gave the staff report and the overview of the Policy, which was previously reviewed by the Finance Committee on December 11, 2019. A brief Q&A with the Board followed.

Director Hund motioned to approve the Collections Policy. Vice President Unger seconded.

MSC¹ (Hund/Unger) 5/0/0 motion carried.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, COMMENTS, AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

Kathleen Radnich- Public Information Consultant reported on the following:

1. United Way of the Desert will work with us to come up to our office quarterly—I'm hoping to have them here for Water Education Day
2. Attended the PR Coalition (regional). Nicholas Schneider was there from MWA, and he pulled me aside and said that AWAC would be reorganizing to focus more on legislative issues, so that MWA could go to Sacramento and represent the voice of the Districts. Yvonne Hester, MWA's PIO, also noted that MWA was working specifically on outreach materials for Districts to use for the "Silver Tsunami"—careers in water.

3. Winter Work Shop Dates:

- Jan. 18 Native Plants & Xeriscaping
- Feb. 1 Water Conservation & Soil Amendments
- Feb. 8 Basic Drip Irrigation Design
- Feb. 22 Irrigation Troubleshooting for Homeowner

4. Docent meeting will be held Jan. 9, Thursday, in the District Office from 4-5PM.

Vice President Unger reported on the Legislative and Public Information Committee and for their next Agenda a new topic to discuss is easements, their uses and their notifications. Director Floen added that they also discussed the Hoover Commission.

Vice President Unger reported on the MAC meeting she attended.

President Johnson reported on the riveting Finance Committee he attended that included an overview of the Audit and SB998.

Director Hund reported on the Water Resources and Operations Committee that they had received a progress report from GM Ban on the CIRP. They also reviewed the plans for the 4-Log Treatment for Well 14.

Director Reynolds commented that Gayle Austin, CAC suggested at the MAC meeting that the Joshua Basin Water District be available to present at the MAC meetings also.

Director Floen attended the Copper Mountain Mesa community meeting to discuss various concerns and remedies in emergency situations. He then went on to discuss the Mohave Water Agency Board meeting he attended, which included a presentation from GM McCarthy on the history of the Mojave Water Agency.

Vice President Unger reported on the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) she attended. She received information on the status of the Barstow Perchlorate Plume by Lahontan Water Board.

President Johnson gave an update on the GM ADHOC Committee and hopefully they will have a full report by the 1st of February.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES –

President Johnson read off the list of meetings and opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jane Jarlsberg, Joshua Tree, informed the Board that she was the one that suggested to the MAC that Joshua Basin Water District be on the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED=

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-POTENTIAL LITIGATION– At approximately 6:50 p.m. the Board of Directors went into closed session pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to confer with legal counsel and the District General Manager on a matter of potential litigation (one matter).

The Closed Session ended at approximately 7:48 p.m. and the Board of Directors returned to Open Session.

The Board reported that as to the claim of Rutan & Tucker, LLP, the Board allowed the claim as to \$6,840, and rejected the claim as to the balance, with direction to the General Manager to provide notice.

ADJOURNMENT – President Johnson adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of December 19, 2019, at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary