

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of December 20, 2017
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
Randy Mayes, Interim Director of Water Resources & Ops.
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Alex Handlers, Bartle Wells Associates
Gil Granito, Redwine & Sherrill
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

GUESTS 7

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

MSC/Hund/Floen 5/0/0 to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of December 20, 2017, with the following changes of Item order:

Move Item #10 to Item #7 and Item #9 to Item #8.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree read three paragraphs on False Economics.

George Becker, Joshua Tree commented on rate-payers paying a fee for inactive water meters.

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree suggested that it might be prudent to cap off the line, where the MDLT bought a square mile across from Copper Mountain Mesa, to reduce the risk of future leaks.

END OF PUBLIC COMMENT

6. CONSENT CALENDAR –

MSC Hund/Unger 5/0/0 to approve the Draft Minutes of 12/6/2017, October-November 2017 Check Registers, and the 2018 Salary Schedule.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. REQUEST FROM CUSTOMER TO MOVE METER BETWEEN PARCELS

After a brief overview of the policy and a Q&A period with the Board, the Board denied Mr. Kidman's request per District Policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MSC/Unger/Floen 5/0/0 to deny Mr. Kidman's request to move a meter between parcels citing District Policy.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. RATE STUDY – Alex Handlers, Bartles Wells Associates, updated the Board with the recommended Scenarios 2 or 3. A brief Q&A period followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree commented on the number of employees that Joshua Basin Water District has employed compared to Twentynine Palms.

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree concurred with Ed Vallerand about the number of employees on staff at JBWD. Mr. Marquez was concerned about the amount of project override (Well 14) that has been allotted to date.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/Hund/Unger 5/0/0 to direct staff to move forward with Scenarios 2 &3 for the Prop 218 mailing.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

9. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS – Recommend that the Board elect a Vice President and President of the Board of Directors for 2018.

MSC Luckman/Floen 5/0/0 to nominate Bob Johnson for Vice President for another term.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

MSC Hund/Johnson 5/0/0 to nominate Mickey Luckman for President for another term.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

10. FIRST QUARTER ENDING 9/30/17 FINANCIAL REPORT – Recommend that the Board approve the First Quarter Financial report ending 9/30/2017 (reviewed by the Finance Committee on 12/18/2017)

MSC Johnson/Floen 5/0/0 accepts and files the First Quarter Financial Report ending 9/30/2017.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

11. PROPOSED RESERVE FUND POLICY- Recommend that the Board receive for information and provide any changes to the Finance Committee (Director Floen and Vice President Johnson).

AGM Greer explained to the Board that the draft Reserve Fund Policy spells out the District’s Policy with regard to reserve funds. The Policy has been kept as simple as possible, keeping in mind that this document provides instruction for staff as well as information for the public. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Vallerand, Joshua Tree commented that instead of the sum of all of the amounts you could have a sum of less than the total but still have the ability to move funds around.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

12. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT –Reminded the Board that pursuant to the Low-Income Assistance Act (AB 401 - 2015), the California Legislature directed the State Water Resources Control Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Equalization, to develop a plan for the funding and implementation of a statewide Low-Income Rate Assistance Program for the Legislature ‘s consideration, no later than February 1, 2018.

13. DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Curt Sauer reported on the following:
- Conservation figures from November are 7% below 2013 and 18% cumulative.
 - ACWA JPIA presented the District with Special Recognition Awards for Workers Comp., Liability, and the Property Program.
 - Application for the Solar Feasibility study has been submitted to the State.
 - Updates on Well 14
 - Aquatic Inspection
 - Chromium 6

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree commented that the cost for the Well 14 repair is way above what the norm should be and that it has been offline for nearly two years.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

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

Director Unger commented that she attended a meeting at the ACWA conference on rate assistance. In recognition of JBWD's ACWA Insurance Program awards, she congratulated the crew and staff on a job well done.

Director Johnson reiterated the ACWA rate assistance round table and confirmed that it was geared toward how to legitimize low-income individuals. He also reported on the MWA Board meeting he attended and that Jim Ventura will be stepping down as ACWA Region 9 Representative and Director Coleman will now be the ACWA Region 9 Representative.

Director Floen reported on the Finance Committee and the Water Resources and Operations Committee.

Director Hund encourages people to attend the meetings if they are able to. He also thanked Ed Vallerand for providing the comparison between JBWD and other Districts.

President Luckman attended the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Technical Advisory Committee meeting (TAC) and congratulated GM Sauer who had us added to the Integrated Water Management Plan for a potential grant.

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, informed the Board that there is a Legislative and Public Information Committee meeting on January 3, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will concentrate on the Prop 218 talking points and ADA Compliance for the JBWD website.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT-

MSC/Unger/Floen 5/0/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of December 20, 2017, at 8:15 p.m.

Floen	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary