

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 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 Hund, Director Luckman, and Director Reynolds.

STAFF PRESENT -Curt Sauer, GM, Mark Ban, AGM-Operations, Susan Greer, AGM-Fin., and Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT - Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – President Johnson moved to table Item #7 Public Hearing No. 5 to May 1, 2019, and to table Item #8 and Item #9 back to the Finance Committee for further review. Vice President Unger moved Item # 12, Appointment of Tom Floen to the CAC to Item #7.

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

Ayes: Hund, Johnson, Luckman, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT CALENDAR – The draft minutes of the regular Board meeting March 20, 2019, February 2019 Check Register and the 2nd Quarter Ending 12/31/2018. Both the February check register and the 2nd quarter ending 12/31/2018 were reviewed by the Finance Committee on April 10, 2019.

Director Reynolds made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Vice President Unger seconded.

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

Ayes: Hund, Johnson, Luckman, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS FLOEN TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Vice President Unger read the criteria in order to be appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), She continued to read Mr. Floen’s bio followed by each of the Board members praised Mr. Floen for continuing to be a part of the JBWD.

Director Hund made a motion to confirm Mr. Thomas Floen to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Vice President Unger seconded.

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

Ayes: Hund, Johnson, Luckman, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

WELL 14 – AGM Ban gave an update on Well 14, the 4-LOG treatment, and what it will cost and the costs to maintain the 4-LOG treatment. A brief Q&A period followed with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Sunfair, commented that it has cost over one million dollars to rehabilitate Well 14 when it should have only cost \$270,000.00. Mr. Marquez then quoted the misinformation from the news media.

Tom Floen, Joshua Tree stated that Well 14 is the largest producing well in the entire region. Well 14 had not been cleaned in 32 years so it's very hard to know in advance of what you might find when you finally reach 400-500 feet below the surface. Full speed ahead let's get it up and running.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED –

Director Luckman made a motion to direct the General Manager to move forward with constructing the necessary infrastructure and implementation of 4-LOG treatment at Well 14, at a cost not to exceed \$205,000.00 to include recommended facility improvements totaling \$237,000.00 for a total of \$442,000.00. Vice President Unger seconded.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PVC PIPE, PARTS, AND MATERIAL PURCHASES – SADDLEBACK WATER-MAIN

REPLACEMENT PROJECT – After a brief report by AGM Ban, followed by a short Q&A with the Board, AGM Ban stated that this was a budgeted item. President Johnson concurred that he did see it as a budgeted item in at the Finance Committee. He also commented that he would like to see a little more lead time since this is the second or third one we have had to rush through because of vendors.

Director Reynolds asked President Johnson if this was a budgeted item and this is why he would like to see the Committee meeting minutes in the Board packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Al Marquez, Sunfair agreed with Director Reynolds stating we should have audio at least in the Committee meetings.

Tom Floen, Joshua Tree North, informed the Board that he has been going to the meetings for a very long time. The Committee meetings are a discussion, with the public and the Committee members going through each item. Mr. Floen feels it is working just fine the way it is.

Gayle Austin, Joshua Tree stated that it is not the JBWD's responsibility to ensure that every single person is informed of every little thing that the JBWD does. It is each person's responsibility to ensure they have the information and have received the information. Committee packets and Board packets are on the website (which is not mandatory), and they are also emailed, so there is no reason for a person not to be informed.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED –

Director Reynolds made a motion to purchase the Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipe, parts, and materials for the District's upcoming Saddleback Water Main Replacement Project based upon the General Manager's lowest responsive, and responsible bid.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Gil Granito informed the Board he had no report. Mr. Granito apologized to the Board for stepping out of the boardroom to take a conference call with Ms. Jennifer Farrell, Rutan & Tucker, LLP.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer gave an update on current water conservation with 25.54% water savings for March 2019 and 21.47 cumulative water savings from June 2018 to March 2019. He will be off for a few days to get married.

AGM Ban informed the Board that JBWD started recharging on April 6, 2019, and the updated total is 63-acre-feet and he hopes to wrap it up in early August.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED-

Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant, reported on the United Way Low Income Assistance Program, Summerizing classes and Wild Crafting by the Joshua Tree National Park.

Director Luckman reported on the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting she attended on April 11, 2019.

Director Reynolds reported on the Association of San Bernardino Special Districts Dinner he attended on April 15, 2019.

President Johnson read off the Director's upcoming meetings and opportunities.

Director Reynolds would like to add Committee Meeting Minutes to the next Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary