

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Unger called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. via teleconference.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – President Unger asked for a rollcall and the following Directors were present; President Unger, Vice President Floen, Director Doolittle, Director Jarlsberg, and Director Reynolds are in attendance via teleconference.

STAFF PRESENT –Mark Ban, General Manager, Sarah Johnson, Director of Administration, Anne Roman, Director of Finance, and Jim Corbin, Director of Operations, are in attendance via teleconference.

CONSULTANTS PRESENT –Jeff Hoskinson, Legal Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC¹ (Floen/Reynolds) 5/0/0 motion carried to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1035 – STATE OF EMERGENCY FINDINGS – President Unger asked for a synopsis for this subject matter in order for the Board to comment and ask questions. General Manager Ban stated that the revisions to the Brown Act, under the emergency ended in September. However, this will allow the District to continue to attend meetings remotely without having to recognize the normal posting procedures so long as the Board finds reason to have the emergency provisions extended. It will occur every 30 days; for the month of October with the first meeting being on October 6, 2021, the Board will continue to take the meeting remotely. For the October 20, 2021 the Board meeting will be an optional meeting for the Board to attend either virtually or in-person. Also, this will allow up to six (6) attendees from the public and for the first meeting on November 3, 2021 to get back to normal attendance and meetings at the District, or if the Board decides to have these meetings continue virtually with this Resolution allowing us to make small updates, if the need arises for the District to go back to virtual meetings. One of the main reasons for this is the size and limitation of our Board room and the number of people we can have in the Boardroom at this time.

Jeff Hoskinson, Legal Counsel informed the Board that this is now complying with the statutory provision that is bringing what the Executive Order that we have been following for the last year and a half. The Brown Act was updated in September, essentially the same thing as we have been doing but being allowed to as long as we make this finding.

Director Doolittle asked if this means that we would have hybrid meetings meaning in-person and also teleconference.

General Manager Ban responded that it would depend on what the Board's findings are and right now we are covered through the end of this month. At the October 20th meeting, if we don't find that there is reason to continue via teleconference for the month of November for the Board of Directors, then we would go back to the regular noticing procedures and attendance. However, if the Board wants to extend that, and finds reason to do so, then the Board could decide to have a hybrid or stay fully virtual. Some of the language within this Resolution would change depending upon what the Board's findings are.

Director Jarlsberg asked how the limit of up to six (6) attendees going to be publicized and clarified to the public and would there be a possibility of someone standing in the lobby?

Jeff Hoskinson, Legal Counsel replied that in terms of notice of the limitations, that is the reason for the blurb at the beginning of the Agenda that actually sets forth, before the Agenda begins, it lays out the circumstances, along with the default location being online.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1035 - MSC¹ (Floen/Reynolds) 5/0/0 motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 21-1035.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

CONSENT CALENDAR - MSC¹ (Reynolds/Floen) 5/0/0 motion carried to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN – Director Sarah Johnson informed the Board that in June 2021, District negotiators and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) representatives began regular Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiations. On August 19, 2021, before negotiations concluded, represented District employees voted to decertify AFSCME, which nullified all bargaining that had taken place along with the former MOU. Director Sarah Johnson then gave a quick overview of the new Employee Compensation Plan. A brief Q&A followed with the Board.

MSC¹ (Floen/Jarlsberg) 5/0/0 motion carried to approve the Employee Compensation Plan.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT (receive for information only) – General Manager Ban stated that he received an updated GIS population layer of 2020 to add it to our current districting. He gave an update on Well 14 and that he would be on the “Up Close Show” on Z107.7 on Friday, October 8th at 10:00 a.m.

- Director Jim Corbin gave a brief update on Well 14.


DIRECTOR MEETING REPORTS – President Unger and Director Jarlsberg gave a brief report on the meetings they attended.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS – President Unger read off the list of the upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – MSC¹ (Floen/Doolittle) 5/0/0 motion carried adjourn the Board meeting of October 6, 2021 at 6:25 p.m.

Ayes: Doolittle, Floen, Jarlsberg, Reynolds, and Unger
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary