

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 15, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Mickey Luckman Present
Bob Johnson Present
Victoria Fuller Present
Geary Hund Present
Rebecca Unger Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller
Keith Faul, GIS Coordinator
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant
Gil Granito, District Counsel, Redwine & Sherrill

GUESTS 4

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –
MSC/ Fuller/Johnson 5/0 to approve the Agenda.

Fuller	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT –
Al Marquez, Sun Fair, JT clarified his comments that he made, at the January 18, 2017 meeting. Mr. Marquez also read the letter that he mailed to each Board member, on January 24, 2017.

Tom Floen, Joshua Tree informed the Board that on the 3rd Saturday of the month is free household waste disposal just on the other side of the feed store. No furniture or appliances are allowed.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

6. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine in nature and will be adopted in total by one action of the Board of Directors unless any Board Member or any individual or organization interested in one or more consent calendar items wishes to be heard.

A. Approve Draft Minutes of the February 1, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

MSC/ Johnson/Fuller 5/0 to approve the Consent Calendar

Fuller	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

7. WELL 14 REHABILITATION BID – TRI COUNTY BID

Recommend that the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Tri County Pump Company to rehabilitate Well 14, at a cost not to exceed \$158,838 with a 10 percent contingency of \$15,883.

Director Fuller stated that Well 14 is an extremely important Well and it needs to get back online for summer and we need to move forward post haste.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Sun Fair stated that Well 14 has been offline since February 2016 and that \$172K was already approved for the rehabilitation and 110K for a rehabbed motor for Well 14. Approximately 182K already spent on Well 14. Now you are asking for another \$175K to rehab the Well. Either it is the Board that is not watching the expenditures or it is the staff that is not watching what is going on with the money they are spending.

Tom Floen, Rate Payer stated that the five Wells that we have are our crown jewels and if something should happen now when we are down one it would put us in a terrible place. Well 14 is our biggest producer and we need to get it back online as soon as possible. If this is the best deal we can get we need to take it.

GM Sauer (in response to Mr. Marquez's comments) stated that the Board authorized up to \$110K on the rehab motor and the District only spent \$25K and the original contract for Well 14 rehab was \$225K and the contractor has not completed their contract, therefore we have paid them to date a total of \$8K. There is a new pump and new column in the Well and we will be in negotiations with the previous contractor in the near future. The \$158K is the only cost we will be incurring other than the motor and the \$8K that has been already paid to the original contractor.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

MSC/ Unger/Hund 5/0 to approve the Tri County Bid for Well 14 Rehabilitation.

Fuller	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

8. UPDATE ON COMPLETION OF PARKING LOT PAVING

Recommend that the Board receive for information only. Office will be closed April 14, 2017 for the slurry Coat.

9. ADJUSTMENT TO ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE POSITION (Approved by Finance Committee on January 23, 2017) Recommend that the Board approve revised Accounts Receivable Position. Assistant General Manager Susan Greer's staff report is attached.

MSC/ Unger/Hund 5/0 to approve the Tri County Bid for Well 14.

Fuller	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Vice President Johnson and Director Fuller. Next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- B. WATER RESOURCES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Vice President Johnson. Next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: President Luckman and Director Unger. Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant to report. Next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2017. Kathleen Radnich reported on Water Education Day and JBWD Tours that will begin March through April 2017.

11. DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – No Report

12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer showed a brief presentation on how and what it takes the people in the field to fix a large leak. All photos were from the Sunburst Leak on Friday, February 10, 2017.

13. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting – February 23, 2017- Director Fuller
- ASBCSD –February 27, 2017-Inland Empire Resource Conservation District – Castaway Restaurant, 670 Kendall Drive, San Bernardino, CA at 6:00 pm.
- ACWA 2017 Spring Conference May 9th-12th, Monterey California

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

Vice President Johnson attended the Mojave Water Agency Board of Directors meeting on February 9, 2017 and most of it was about Kirby Brill who is retiring. In reference to conservation a comment was made on “how much is too much” with another comment that maybe we got ahead of ourselves. A little formula for success that Kirby Brill released was the following:

1. Vision
2. Options
3. Preparation
4. Execution

When they go through their process, it’s the four-step process, which leads to success. Another conversation was the large expenditure of pushing the water and getting the water.

Director Hund went to the US Drought Monitor Site to check on the current conditions. Director Hund mentioned that it seems like we get a lot of water or snow on the mountains and it seems like things will be ok again. The report dated February 7th stated that almost 59% of California are still in a drought.

President Luckman attended the Technical Advisory Committee at the Mojave Water Agency and watched a very interesting presentation on the Mojave River.

15. CLOSED SESSION

1. At this time the Board will go into Closed Session to consult with District’s Designated Labor Negotiators (Curt Sauer, General Manager and Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager) and Labor Counsel Steve Berliner (telephonically) pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 regarding labor negotiations pertaining to represented employees of the District (AFSCME Local 1902).
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1) Public Employee Performance Evaluation of the General Manager; and
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to consult with the Board’s designated representatives (Ad-Hoc Negotiation Committee Director Johnson and Director Unger) with regard to potential compensation adjustments/increases to the District’s General Manager.

Mr. Granito reported that the Board went into Closed Session at approximately 7:20PM. Mr. Granito, further reported as follows:

In Part 1 of the Closed Session, the Board consulted with the District's Labor Negotiators and Labor Counsel as reflected in Item 15. 1. of tonight's agenda, with regard to labor negotiations pertaining to represented employees of the District (AFSCME Local 1902). No reportable action was taken.

In Part 2 of the Closed Session, the Board conducted the annual performance evaluation of the District's General Manager as reflected in Item 15.2. of tonight's agenda, during which the General Manager participated. No reportable action was taken

In Part 3 of the Closed Session, during which, the District's General Manager was excused, the Board consulted with the Board's designated representatives (Ad Hoc Negotiation Committee (Directors Unger and Johnson) as reflected in Item 15.3 of tonight's agenda with regard to potential compensation adjustments/increases to the District's General Manager. Final action on any such adjustments would be considered at a future open session of a Regular Board Meeting.

The Closed Session ended at approximately 8:20PM and the Board returned to Open Session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MSC/ Unger/Hund 5/0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 8:30 p.m.

Fuller	Aye
Hund	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Johnson	Aye
Unger	Aye

Respectfully submitted:


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary