

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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, Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant, Susan Greer, AGM/Controller, Sarah Johnson, HR Manager, and Mark Ban, AGM-Ops.

CONSULTANTS PRESENT - Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach, Mr. Gil Granito, District Counsel, and Ms. Jennifer Farrell, Legal Counsel. Rutan & Tucker, LLP.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –Director Reynolds made a motion to approve the Agenda. 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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Gayle Austin, Joshua Tree, commented that in Walmart there is a sign that says “your tap water can hang out in some pretty seedy places, it’s time to rethink your water”. These are primo water dispensaries and feels this is underhanded and almost as wrong as the fake water test kits in Home Depot. She asked the Board if there was anything they could do or if they had any suggestions.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Director Reynolds made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Luckman seconded.

MSC¹ (Reynolds/Luckman) motion carried by the following vote

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PRESENTATION OF AWARD FOR PAST PRESIDENT MICKEY LUCKMAN FOR HER YEARS OF LEADERSHIP – GM Sauer and President Bob Johnson presented Director Luckman with an award for her years of service and leadership. Director Luckman graciously thanked everyone.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF INTENT PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10010(e) (3) (A) TO INITIATE PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING DISTRICT BASED ELECTIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS – RESOLUTION NO. 19-994- Ms. Jennifer Farrell, Legal Counsel, Rutan & Tucker, LLP, gave a brief report and overview of the letter that was received from Attorney Kevin Shenkman claiming the District was in violation of the California Voting Rights Act, which was passed in 2002, and it basically encouraged private law suits against public agencies to go from an “At-Large Election” to District based elections. Ms. Farrell went on to give the Board the next steps with a schedule dates of the next hearing dates. She then led a brief Q&A.

Director Hund made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-994. Director Luckman seconded.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None

DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – None.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT – GM Sauer discussed the following with the Board:

- Water bill error from a printing company, with corrected bills being mailed out with a new due date.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OPS REPORT – AGM Ban informed the Board on the following:

- One leak from the latest storm with storm crews working diligently on the large washouts.
- CIRP Hiring for LEAD with other positions looking promising.
- CIRP Plan review meeting tomorrow to discuss combining pressure zones.
- Shop offices are completed.
- New equipment is now on site (Loader, Excavator, and Roller) still waiting on the Kenworth trucks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Marquez, Joshua Tree asked for a more comprehensive update on Well 14 at the next Board meeting.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS & REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED –

Kathleen Radnich updated the Board on the Low-Income Assistance Program, Summarizing Class, Holiday Closure, Winterizing, Water Education Day, and the Cal Warn System.

Vice President Unger gave a brief report on her attendance at the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting on January 24, 2019. She also thanked Director Luckman for her service.

Director Reynolds congratulated and thanked Director Luckman for her years of service.

President Johnson thanked the first responders and the men & women in uniform. He asked everyone to remember the cold weather advisory and to ensure pets are safe.

FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – President Johnson informed the Board on upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – At 7:15 p.m., Vice President Unger motioned to adjourn the Board meeting. Director Hund seconded.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary