

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JORDAN VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Held August 7, 2017

The Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District was held Monday, August 7, 2017, at 4:02 p.m. at the Jordan Valley Water Treatment Plant at 15305 South 3200 West, Herriman, Utah.

Trustees Present:

Corey L. Rushton, Chair
Greg R. Christensen
Chad G. Nichols
Scott L. Osborne
Stephen W. Owens
Ronald E. Sperry

Not Present:

Wm. Brent Johnson
Karen D. Lang
Gary C. Swensen

Staff Present:

Richard Bay, General Manager/CEO
Bart Forsyth, Assistant General Manager
Alan Packard, Assistant General Manager
Dave Martin, CFO/Treasurer
Jason Brown, Information Systems Department Manager
Brian Callister, Maintenance Department Manager
Matt Olsen, Communications Department Manager
Shane Swensen, Engineering Department Manager
Shazelle Terry, Operations Department Manager
Reid Lewis, General Counsel
David McLean, Senior Engineer
Courtney Brown, Conservation Programs Manager
Linda Townes, Public Information Manager
Todd Schultz, Senior Business Data Analyst
Amanda Strack, Conservation Coordinator
Beverly Parry, Executive Assistant
Hayley Betton, Administrative Assistant

Welcome

Mr. Corey L. Rushton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Ms. Karen Lang, Mr. Brent Johnson, and Mr. Gary Swensen were excused from the meeting. Mr. Rushton asked Mr. Richard Bay to proceed with the agenda.

**Review
Agenda for
August 9, 2017
Public
Hearing/Board
meeting**

Mr. Richard Bay, General Manager, reviewed the proposed agenda for the August 9, 2017, Public Hearing/Board of Trustees meeting. The Board agenda included: adopting Resolution 17-16, "Determining and Fixing the JWWCD's Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018"; adopting Resolution 17-17, "Adopting JWWCD's Budget and Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; three engineering items; an approval of a Water Conservation Funding Agreement with Bluffdale City; and the June 2017 Financial Report. A closed

session will be proposed to discuss information provided during a procurement process.

**Report on
Recommended
State Water
Strategy**

Mr. Bay stated that a report on the recommended State Water Strategy was provided to Governor Herbert two weeks ago. It is a result of an initiative that the Governor began a few years ago in which he appointed a group of water officials to travel through the State and hold listening sessions regarding the important water issues for different regions. After those sessions, the comments were gathered and the Governor then appointed a group of 41 water officials and water interest group representatives to recommend a Statewide Water Strategy.

Mr. Bay said that the report should guide implementation plans for the next few years and briefly reviewed each chapter with the Board. Mr. Rushton asked Mr. Bay to advise the Board on how to answer inquiries from the public pertaining to the State Water Strategy. Mr. Bay said that the report is a good balance of managing demand through accelerated conservation beyond the 25% goal; development of water, especially interstate river allocations; has good concepts of technology use; and better focuses on financing infrastructure.

**Discuss
property tax
rate and
revenue**

Mr. Dave Martin, CFO/Treasurer, stated that the District's certified property tax rate is 0.000349 and the proposed tax rate is 0.0004 which would generate \$1.9 million of increased property tax revenue for Jordan Valley Water. Mr. Martin said that the certified rate came in lower than expected and the estimated tax rate was calculated with a formula provided on the State Tax Commission website. As a result of the 0.000349 certified tax rate, the proposed 0.0004 property tax rate could be lowered to 0.000385 to achieve the tax revenue estimated earlier in the tentative budget process. If the property tax rate is lower than 0.000385, it will not generate revenues for which the District has budgeted. He said that the District has projects that support having a 0.0004 property tax rate.

Mr. Osborne recommended the District structure next year's plans, budgets, and tentative budgets differently so that the actual certified tax rate is available when trustees report to the City Councils. Mr. Sperry felt uncomfortable asking for more than what was reported to the cities. Mr. Christensen and Mr. Owens are concerned with the District increasing the property tax rate by 14 percent. Mr. Osborne is comfortable moving forward with the 0.0004 tax rate because it will have a direct offset when budgeting for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which will defer additional costs in the future. Mr. Osborne also stated that he would like to have the additional revenues received as a result of the 0.0004 tax rate be allocated to specific projects. Mr. Rushton stated that property tax is a tool given to the District to spread out water development costs over the years and the consistency of 0.0004 will save the public more money in the long run.

**Tour JVVWTP
12.5 MG
Finished Water
Reservoir**

Mr. Alan Packard stated that the Jordan Valley Water Treatment Plant has been expanded twice since its original construction without any additional finished water storage. This has been a limitation from a water quality and operational standpoint, and staff has identified the need for more finished water storage. Mr. David McLean conducted a tour of the 12.5 MG Finished Water Reservoir and presented additional information.

Adjourn

Mr. Nichols motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Corey L. Rushton, Chair of the Board of Trustees



Richard P. Bay, Clerk