

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
March 5, 2002

The Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then met in Regular Session at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Upon roll call, there were present:

Directors: Jack Alpers
 Louis Brichetto
 Tony Taro
 Steve Webb
 Frank Clark

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager
 Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
 Mike Evans, Watermaster
 Bob Nielsen, Water Utilities Chief
 Wayne Truhett, Acting Support Services Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

**ADDITION OR DELETION OF
AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Clark requested Items #14 and #10 be heard before Item #9. Director Webb requested that Item #7 be moved to the Action Calendar.

**ITEM NO. 1:
WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Director Webb questioned the status of the Gambini correspondence. Wayne Truhett, Acting Support Services Supervisor responded to his questions and responded that all items outlined in the letter and which took place during the meeting between General Manager Steve Knell, Wayne Truhett and Mr. Gambini are being done on a temporary basis.

Henk Bomer commented that the reason the Broadman Drain was put in was to drain other individual's water. Several years ago water from the other side of River Road seeped down underneath the road and showed up in Mr. Dove's property. That is why the drain was put in; to keep the water table down. So, by piping it the water cannot get in the drain and we might be asking for problems.

Director Brichetto questioned Wayne Truhett regarding South Main leaks by the Suarez property. Mr. Truhett responded that some leaks started last summer which he believed were from high water when we were having trouble with the Main but didn't know of any leaks at this time. Wayne Truhett and Mike Evans have coordinated a visit to that property and will repair any leaks that they locate.

Director Clark questioned Mr. Pete Peterson's letter. Steve Knell responded that Mr. Peterson is aware of the cost to make the hook up requested and we will advise him in writing within 30 days.

Director Clark questioned the Encroachment Agreement between the District and Duane Roots. Steve Knell advised that wording would be added to the Encroachment Agreement stating that Encroachment Items 1-5 would be removed after 3 years had expired.

Director Clark questioned the correspondence from the Wooden Shoe Dairy. Steve Knell responded that this would be responded to within 30 days and a copy of the letter would be incorporated into the appropriate Board package for the Board's review.

Director Clark had questions regarding the letter from John Brichetto and Parsons Ranch and Mr. Brichetto's request for the District to pipeline that section of ditch. Mike Evans responded to his questions.

Director Brichetto asked that he not be included in any discussions and/or decisions regarding John Brichetto as he felt this would be a conflict of interest.

Director Taro had questions regarding the Hudson correspondence and Kathy Cook responded to his questions.

**ITEM NO. 2:
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Steve Knell asked the Board to welcome Dawn Wilhelm Findlay who was hired as his Administrative Assistant.

Steve Knell reported the following:

- ?? Power Consultants: Steve Knell attended a meeting at South San Joaquin to hear from their power consultant. Also met with power consultant RW Beck and they are to provide a copy of work and cost estimate which will be presented at the March 19 Board meeting.
- ?? Strategic Planning: Steve Knell stated that although the March 4 meeting substance was different than what had been anticipated that at the next meeting we would be covering more specific information. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2002

**ITEM NO. 2b
DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Brichetto commented regarding OID bid procedures and correspondence sent for inclusion in Board packets.

Director Clark commented regarding OID bid procedures.

Henry Burtschi commented regarding fuel storage and its cost as that relates to bidding for petroleum products.

Director Clark commented regarding recent remarks as to Brown Act violations and stated that when Directors are in attendance at social functions and are not discussing OID business, there is no violation.

Director Alpers inquired as to the status of payment from Stockton East. General Manager Steve Knell advised that a draft letter by the attorneys will be sent but that we have not received this yet.

ITEMS NO. 3, 4,5, 6, 8
CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 19, 2002
4. Review and approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations
5. Review and consider guniting 1000' of the Wills Lateral from the head gate downstream (Boatwright/Kavanagh properties) – work order #0214
6. Review and consider replacement of the turnout gates for work order #0205, work order #0206, work order #0207, work order #0211, work order #0212 and work order #0213
7. Review and consider claim of Daniel and Catalina Gonzales

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported to approve the Consent Calendar.

ITEM NO. 7
CONSIDER AND APPROVE
VEHICLE PURCHASES FOR
VARIOUS DEPARTMENT

After discussion relative to bids, a motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported not to approve vehicle purchases for various departments until we receive further bids.

ITEM NO. 14
TOURS OF THE DISTRICT
FOR LANDOWNERS

Former employee and land owner Henk Bomer presented his ideas regarding tours of the District for individual landowners and tax payers. Mr. Bomer would do this as a volunteer, but OID would provide the vehicle, fuel, etc. for such tours. General Manager Steve Knell to look into requirements regarding insurance for a volunteer individual and our liability.

This to be brought back as an action item after receipt of financial data relative to the cost of this program and a specific detailed plan on how this program would function. General Manager Steve Knell to add to Agenda when ready for Board approval.

ITEM NO. 10
CONSIDER GRANTING A CONTRACT EXTENSION TO
ROSS F. CARROLL, INC. FOR THE
ROBERT VAN LIER REGULATING RESERVOIR

Thom Van Artsdalen, Project Manager at Ross F. Carroll presented a detailed outline showing the new anticipated completion date of March 22, 2002.

Mr. Bill Kull of Guiliani & Kull stated the projections for completion as well as details regarding the reasons for said extension request.

Director Alpers questioned whether the reservoir could handle water before its completion and Bill Kull responded to his questions.

Henry Burtschi commented regarding the overall picture and status of the project, OID's liability and recommended denial of any further extensions to Ross F. Carroll, Inc.

Director Webb requested that additional crews be enlisted in order to move the project along faster. Thom Van Arsdalen responded to his comments.

Wayne Truhett advised Thom Van Artsdalen of our desire not to use the extra rock at the site. Wayne also brought up additional issues that were not included in the original contract. Bill Kull detailed the additional items that needed to be added to this contract that must be done in order to complete the project properly. All items will be submitted to the Board at the Special Meeting scheduled for March 4, 2002 for their approval.

Ken Krause commented regarding the completion date of the project and the beginning of the 2002 water season.

Directors Clark, Taro, Alpers, Webb and Brichetto commented regarding the charges to Ross Carroll, Inc. since February 15, 2002.

Lorens Foard commented regarding the quality of the construction for this project.

A motion was made by Director Clark to deny the granting of an extension to Ross F. Carroll, Inc. for the Robert Van Lier Regulating Reservoir. There was no second for this motion and therefore no vote was taken.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported to table this item. All Directors encouraged the contractor to get another gunite crew to get the concrete work completed.

ITEM NO. 9
2002 WATER SEASON START DATE

After discussion a Motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to charge the system on March 17th with water deliveries by March 19th. If there are any changes due to rain, this will be added to the agenda of the March 11, 2002 Special Meeting for further review and action.

ITEM NO. 11
REVIEW AND CONSIDER
RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS FOR
IRRIGATION AND LANDS OUTSIDE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Clark and voted to approve the draft agreement for irrigation of lands outside Oakdale Irrigation District boundaries as follows:

Ayes: Alpers, Brichetto and Clark
Noes: Taro and Webb

ITEM NO. 12
REVIEW AND CONSIDER RENEWAL OF
CONTRACTS FOR IRRIGATION OF LANDS
IN THE CLAUS/SANTA FE ROAD DETACHED AREA

General Manager Steve Knell explained that this was originally a 3-year contract that is extended yearly. The intent originally was to eventually drop the landowners from our system and discontinue the extensions.

Henk Bomer outlined the facts regarding the initial contract and its intent. He stated that he is unable to sell his property due to the annexation and wants the continuation of this contract with OID.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported to renewal of contracts for irrigation of lands in the Claus/Santa Fe Road detached area at the 2002 rate.

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND CONSIDER
2002-2003 PROPERTY INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLES

Chief Financial Officer Kathy Cook explained the renewal periods for our property, liability and workers compensation insurance.

Director Brichetto commented regarding bidding for workers compensation insurance.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously supported to maintain the 2002-2003 deductible levels, but that we analyze each type of insurance prior to their renewal dates to obtain quotes.

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 15
DISCUSS INSURANCE BROKER PERFORMANCE
REGARDING HEALTH COVERAGE

General Manager Steve Knell explained the process regarding the setting of insurance rates that is done on a yearly basis. Steve Knell also explained broker functions and that basically the prices are the same but services vary.

The Board recommended that Steve Knell continue obtaining quotes for insurance and bring back to the Board as soon as possible for their decision as our current insurance will expire at the end of April.

DISCUSSION ITEM NO. 16
DISCUSS DIRECT DEPOSIT OF
EMPLOYEE PAYROLL CHECKS

General Manager Steve Knell advised the Board that we have the capability of offering this service to our employees at no charge other than a few hours required by staff to put the process into place. This service will not be mandatory but at the request of individual employees.

The Board agreed that this would be a good for all employees and proceed accordingly.

At the hour of 11:40 A.M. the Board adjourned to the next **regular Board of Directors meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. at the** Oakdale Irrigation District Office, 1205 East "F" Street, Oakdale, Ca.

The next regular **Joint Board Meeting** for the **Tri-Dam Project** is scheduled for **March 21, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. in Manteca.**

Attest:

Steve Knell

Secretary