

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
February 1, 2005

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: Frank B. Clark, President
Jack D. Alpers
Louis Brichetto
Steve Webb
Director Taro

Staff Present: Steve Knell, P.E., General Manager/Secretary
Gary Jernigan, P.E., Support Services Manager
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer
Kevin King, Special Projects Coordinator

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence.

CONSENT ITEMS ITEMS 1

ITEM NO. 1

APPROVE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2005

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Brichetto, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Director's Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2005 and Resolution No. 2005-01, 2005 Investment Policy.

Director Brichetto requested that Item No. 2 be removed from the consent calendar.

Director Clark requested that Item No. 3 be removed from the consent calendar.

Public Member, Mr. Foard, requested that Item No. 4 be removed from the consent calendar.

ACTION ITEMS
ITEMS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

ITEM NO. 2

APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

Director Brichetto had a question concerning the Best Western expense of \$3,916.00. It was explained that this entry was for the lodging expense for ten Oakdale Irrigation District Distribution System Operators to attend the ITRC seminar at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo on February 21, 22 and 23, 2005.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 3

**APPROVE THE ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ON
THE COLLINS LATERAL EASEMENT (APN 002-053-026)**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Brichetto and seconded by Director Taro to approve the Encroachment Agreement on the Collins Lateral Easement, and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Alpers, Webb, Brichetto, Taro
No: Clark

ITEM NO. 4

**APPROVE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Public Member, Mr. Foard, apologized to the Board and stated he had a question regarding Item No. 2 not Item No. 4 and it had been answered.

Director Brichetto had a question regarding the money that was not spent in last year's budget on water conservation and project maintenance. He asked if this money would remain in the budget this year for water conservation and project maintenance. Kathy Cook responded no.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Chief Financial Officer's Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2004.

ITEM NO. 5

**REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO REJECT
THE CLAIM PRESENTED BY RICHARD L. MOSER (CAMPBELL LATERAL)**

A claim was presented by Richard L. Moser for damage to his property due to flooding.

Management makes no assertion as to fault in this case, only that the amount of damages involved and the complexities of storm water flooding should be addressed by our insurance carrier and not inexperienced OID staff.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to reject the claim presented by Richard L. Moser and forward it to the insurance carrier.

ITEM NO. 6

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MOULTON PIPELINE

The Moulton Pipeline is a budgeted capital expense identified in the 2005 budget. To accomplish the installation of this project before the beginning of the water season it will necessitate expediting the contracting policies of the district. To do that, staff is requesting that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a contract for the replacement of the Moulton Pipeline.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract for the replacement of the Moulton Pipeline.

ITEM NO. 7

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE COMETA CROSSING

The Cometa Crossing is a budgeted capital expense identified in the 2005 budget. To accomplish the installation of this project before the beginning of the water season it will necessitate expediting the contracting policies of the district. To do that, staff is requesting that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a contract for the replacement of the Cometa Crossing.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract for the replacement of Cometa Crossing.

ITEM NO. 8

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT ANNUAL CAPITAL PROJECT'S BUDGET

By approving the attached Resolution, the Board is authorizing the General Manager to execute and expend funds for capital projects as defined in the Annual Capital Budget. The Board will continue to give final approval on all contracts as defined in the District's Purchasing Policy.

In short, the resolution requests that the General Manager be allowed to execute capital projects that are to be performed by OID forces *and* that appear as a line item in the annual budget.

A motion was made by Director Webb and seconded by Director Alpers to approve the Resolution authorizing the General Manager to implement annual capital project's budget, and was voted as follows:

Ayes: Alpers, Webb, Clark
Noes: Bricetto, Taro

**DISCUSSION ITEM
ITEM NO. 9**

**DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE OPERATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF IRRIGATION WATER**

The Board was given a complete draft compilation, to the extent possible, of the existing rules and regulations governing the use, operation and distribution of water within OID's service area. The draft document has been reformatted to convey a user friendly and more complete edition of the OID's "Gray Book."

Staff is requesting Board input on the format of the document in hopes of providing a printed version of the new "Gray Book" for the upcoming water season. The water measurement tables and appendices will be added later.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that each Board member would review the draft copy of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Operation and Distribution of Irrigation Water. The General Manager would schedule a meeting with each Director, Kevin King, and himself to go over the draft. Once this is completed a second draft copy would be brought back to the Board.

At 9:50 a.m. the Board of Directors welcomed participation by the public in the meeting.

**ITEM NO. 12
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Krause stated that he had read in the newspaper that there was some dissention between MID and the City of Modesto regarding domestic water. He stated that he wanted to caution the Board to have the foresight not to put the District in the same situation.

Mr. Foard had a question concerning the Claribel contract and whether it was an open end contract or a specified amount. Gary Jernigan responded that it was a specified amount and so far there has been one change order to the contract for the addition of fiber to the concrete.

**CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 10**

At 9:57 a.m. a motion was made by Director Taro and seconded by Brichetto to move to closed session to discuss the following:

A. Government Code §54957

Conference with Labor Negotiator: General Manager
Unrepresented Employee Organization: Supervisory Exempt,
Confidential Employees, and Management Exempt

B. Government Code §54957

Discussion of Water Counsel and General Counsel Performance

At 10:35 a.m. a Motion was made by Director Alpers and Seconded by Director Webb to adjourn to the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Director Alpers and seconded by Director Webb to adopt the 2005 Contracts for the Exempt Management, Exempt Supervisory and Confidential Employees, and was voted as follows:

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

**ITEM NO. 11
COMMUNICATIONS**

A. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID employees have gone 263 work days without a lost time injury accident. A Dog Day is scheduled for February 4, 2005 to mark this 9 month event.
2. Safety Council has been seated for the 2005 Calendar Year. Employees Alan Ramsey, Guy Williams, Lee Scully, John Walsh and Kent Gabrielson will serve in that capacity. The Safety Chairman is Derek Davis.
3. Annual Safety Calendar for training has been finalized for 2005.

Administration/Accounting Activities

1. Water Resources Planning activities continue. See attached CH2M Hill progress report.
2. Meet and confer continued with non-Union bargaining groups.
3. Annexations: No change since last report.
4. Tracking the development of user fees as part of the impending implementation of CALFED.
5. RWQCB making noise to treat the I.D. different under the Ag Waiver. Toxicity testing is the issue.
6. GM spoke at the California Irrigation Institute on the 28th on Development of a Modernizing Program for Irrigation Districts.
7. Kevin King and GM attended the Agricultural Water Management Council meeting in the 18th.

8. Staff posted an in-house job for the Pest Control/DSO position, for which 3 employees were interviewed. Vince Vella was the successful candidate. This selection will result in a posting for a new DSO position for the upcoming water season.

Water Operations Activities

1. Assisting C&M construction activities.
2. Continue patrolling District facilities – new encroachments and dairy waste.
3. Continuing with various Land Reclassifications.
4. Drainage and Reclamation Pumps show 507 acre feet pumped in January. This is 13% higher than any previous 10 year period.

C&M Operations Activities

1. Work continued on the Campbell Lateral Rehabilitation with Bank rebuild after heavy rain. Clean out of canal resumed and Check Structures installed.
2. Corn Box on the Fairbanks Lateral - Installation of 36" RCP continued, chipping and patching of existing 36" pipe completed, and water test completed successfully. Installed 5X5 Mixing Box West side of Corn Box
3. Cleaning of the Cavill Pond Completed
4. Mootz Lateral to Pipeline Conversion halted due to rain and extremely wet conditions.
5. Wills Lateral to Pipeline Conversion halted due to rain and extremely wet conditions.
6. Glines Pipeline relocation project completed and except for one item on punch list. Contractor investigating extent of damages to Outdoor Advertising structure.
7. The Williams Pipeline replacement completed except for installation of Turnout. Discussions with Landowner in process.
8. Clavey Booster Pump Station rehabilitation continued. Floors for two pressure boxes poured and wall rebar installation started.
9. Claribel Lateral Rehabilitation Project progressed with folding in of ditch and pad construction. Trenching machine arrived on site. Lining pour scheduled for February 1, 2005. All work on schedule.
10. Rodden Dam Gate Replacement project on hold due to rain.
11. Cleaning operation begin on Coulter pond completed.
12. Scope development for Moulton Pipeline Replacement completed and material ordered. Contract to be awarded based on Board Action.
13. Riverbank Pipeline relocation and replacement being developed.

Engineering Activities

1. Claribel Lateral - engineering inspection and project management
2. Design of Cometa crossing over SSJID nearly complete – Construction to be completed before the start of 2005 water season
3. Clavey Booster Pump Station - engineering inspection
4. Continued development of long range project list
5. Development of Town Water Isolation map locating points of positive shut-off for the 2005 water season. "Door to door" searches will be done this week for those properties which cannot currently be isolated.

Water Utility Activities

1. Routine pump maintenance continues.

Legal Activities

No change in status

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Domestic Water Committee – Director Clark stated that the Domestic Water Committee has met with all improvement districts and that the General Manager and Kathy are arranging to meet with the districts independently and vote to establish the reserve accounts that will go into effect in 2006.

San Joaquin River Group – Director Alpers stated that the San Joaquin River Group is doing a good job fighting the tax and there is a lot of action concerning CalFED and whether we can reduce the amount or not pay anything.

Personnel Committee – Director Clark stated that the Personnel Committee had met concerning absenteeism, sick leave, etc. He stated that the General Manager had prepared a memorandum summing up OID policy. He also stated that the General Manager was meeting with the employees to discuss sick leave to try and reduce the amount of sick leave that is used by the employees.

C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Alpers

None.

Director Brichetto

Director Brichetto stated that he wanted the General Manager to provide a copy of the construction contracts, including the Claribel. He would also like to be notified by email of the San Joaquin River Group's meetings and receive a copy of any communications.

Director Taro

Director Taro stated that San Joaquin County is actively trying to procure more water.

Director Clark

None.

Director Webb

Director Webb discussed the issue of water diversion and the fact that once they get their foot in the door and start charging on a per acre foot basis they will continue to add on charges for everything and anything.

At the hour of 11:00 A.M. a motion was made by Director Bricetto and seconded by Director Webb and unanimously supported to adjourn to the next **regular Board of Director's Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Oakdale Irrigation District Office, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA 95361.

The next regular Joint Board Meeting for the Tri-Dam Project is scheduled for **Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Oakdale Irrigation District, 1105 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E.
General Manager/Secretary