

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
December 21, 2004

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

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

Director Clark announced that with only two directors present the meeting would commence upon the arrival of Director Brichetto.

At 9:05 Director Brichetto arrived and the meeting reconvened.

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Director Clark requested a motion to remove Item 8 in regards to Condor Earth Technologies Alternatives on the Renovation of the South Main Canal since they have not completed their preparations to make the presentation.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Alpers and unanimously supported to remove Item 8.

Director Clark also requested that Item 13 Closed Session be removed until all five board members are present.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Alpers and unanimously supported to remove Item 13 until all Board members are present.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

Director Brichetto requested that Items 2, 4, & 5 be moved to the Action Calendar.

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously supported to move Items 2, 4, & 5 to the Action Calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS

ITEMS 1, 3, 6,

ITEM NO. 1

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2004**

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2004.

ITEM NO. 3

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the Improvement District Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 6

AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR BSK LABORATORIES

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the Amendment to Schedule of Rates for BSK Laboratories.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEMS 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11

ITEM NO. 2

APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

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. 4

**TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING
NOVEMBER 30, 2004**

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Alpers and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2004.

ITEM NO. 5

**DEVELOPER AGREEMENT FOR SUNSET MEADOWS LLC PROJECT ON THE
BENTLEY PIPELINE**

Director Brichetto stated that he noticed that Sunset Meadows had put a \$1000 deposit and wanted to know if it would be adequate. General Manager Steve Knell stated that it would cover our costs and it was the standard that OID uses. Assistant Engineer John Davids

stated that if we go over that amount we go back to the developer for payment of the overage.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Alpers and unanimously supported to approve the Developer Agreement for Sunset Meadows LLC Project on the Bentley Pipeline.

ITEM NO. 7
THE CONTINUATION OF "TOWN WATER" WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF RIVERBANK AND OAKDALE

General Manager Steve Knell gave a presentation on the issues with the Town Water System.

The issue to continue or abandon the Town Water System has been before the Board numerous times in the past. It was requested at the November 2, 2004 Board meeting that this item be brought back to the Board at the second Board meeting in December.

Since that time, Staff has researched Department of Health Services recommendations concerning the delivery of raw irrigation water within City limit areas. The General Manager presented a brief presentation on the overview of the system, the alternatives to reduce OID's exposure to litigation and reviewed the economics of replacement and compliance with DHS issues versus converting to City water.

Fiscal impact is potentially \$1.5-2.5 million to OID. The cost of service compliance is a pass through cost and paid for by the service recipient.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Alpers and unanimously supported to remove Town Water and whatever water is saved will be used locally.

ITEM NO. 9
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2005 BUDGET

Director Clark recommended that this item be tabled until the next Board Meeting when all Directors are present. A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Alpers to table the 2005 Budget until the next Board Meeting.

ITEM NO. 10
TO PROCEED WITH AN APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 50 WATER USE EFFICIENCY GRANT

As directed by the Board, Staff entered into a professional services agreement with Bookman-Edmonston to prepare an application package for Proposition 50 funding. The proposed project is the installation of on-farm tail water recovery systems. The proposed program calls for a three-way cost share (OID, OID Grower & DWR). Applications are due January 11, 2005.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Alpers to approve to proceed with an application for a Proposition 50 Water Use Efficiency Grant.

ITEM NO. 11
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION

General Manager Steve Knell explained that the Farm Water Coalition is a premiere organization in California providing an extensive array of educational opportunities and products to the public at large regarding the benefits of agriculture. OID has been a historical contributor to the Farm Water Coalition's activities over the years but has never contributed above \$3,000.

A motion was make by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve continued support of the California Farm Water Coalition at \$3,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Murdoch: I appreciate the opportunity to be here and look at OID from this side. I have a question regarding the effect this decision this morning will have on these easements and what kind of time frame will be involved in the easement process. The General Manager Steve Knell stated that the Board determines at what appropriate time easements are given up. If the loss of town water is not contested then a landowner with an easement would come forward and say by your determination I'm applying for you to quit claim this easement to me. Then the board would take action on a case by case basis.

Ken Krause: Asked if OID was still doing work at DaSilva Dairy and is there a total cost estimate for the project. Gary Jernigan stated yes.

Mr. Krause also asked about the meeting regarding the Water Resources Plan and was it advertised. Director Clark stated that it was an open meeting, it was posted and it was to give the consultant an opportunity to get input from the board and answer any questions they may have.

Betty Serpa questioned Director Brichetto as to why he voted no on Item 16 Replacement of OID Lighting at the last Board Meeting when it was considered a hazard. Director Brichetto stated that he didn't think that safety was the issue. Mrs. Serpa stated "that still did not answer my question."

ITEM NO. 14
COMMUNICATIONS

A. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Irrigation Off-Season Activities

1. December's 1st -16th ET has been 0.57 inches with 0.75 inches of rainfall recorded.

Safety Activities

1. Tony Priola received a \$200 Recognition Award from ACWA/JPIA for his accomplishments in implementing OID's health and safety programs. Congratulations Tony for a job well done.
2. Work is continuing on the new safety inspection checklists and procedures as well as the District Emergency Action Plan.
3. To date the District has worked 219 accident free days with no reportable lost time injury accidents.

Administration/Accounting Activities

1. Strategic Training Plan activities underway with Robert Taylor. An "all-hands" meeting was held to kick off this activity. Employee interviews are scheduled to update their job descriptions.
2. OID had a VERY successful Benefits Fair with very positive comments from our Health Care Providers.
3. Mr. King is working on the rewrite/update of *OID Rules and Regulations for the Distribution of Water in the Oakdale Irrigation District*

Water Operations Activities

1. Working on CH2MHill data request.
2. Scope of Work inspections with Engineering Dept.
3. Continue patrolling District facilities – new encroachments and dairy waste.
7. Continuing with various Land Reclassifications.

C&M Operations Activities

1. Work continued on the Campbell Lateral Rehabilitation.
2. Work continued on the Corn Box on the Fairbanks Lateral.
3. Cape Horn Tunnel inspected by Condor.
4. Clavey Booster Pump work begun by contractor.
5. Claribel Lateral Concrete Lining pre-construction meeting is to be held Wednesday, December 22nd.

Engineering Activities

1. Project management on winter design/construction projects
2. Hill
3. Continued revision of District Standard Specifications and Drawings
4. John Davids will provide an update on the Annexation process for the Board at this meeting.

Water Utility Activities

1. Routine pump maintenance.

Legal Activities

1. Alpine Water Company filed an Appropriation Application for water on the Stanislaus River.

B. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Director Alpers reported that the Domestic Water Committee is wrapping up its meetings with the Improvement Districts with the final meeting tonight.

C. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

Director Alpers:

Director Alpers congratulated the workforce for their no loss time injury days accumulated. The Domestic Water Committee is finishing up there meetings with the Improvement Districts.

Director Clark:

Director Clark stated that the Oakdale Country Club wants to get together with the Water Committee regarding receiving water from OID. They already have the pipelines available it just needs to be reviewed by the Committee.

At the hour of 10:32 A.M. a motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to adjourn to the next **regular Board of Directors' Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, January 4, 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, January 17, 2005** at 9:00 A.M. at the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E.
General Manager/Secretary