

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
January 6, 2015

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: Steve Webb, President
Herman Doornenbal, Vice President
Frank Clark
Al Bairos, Jr.

Absent: Jack D. Alpers

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager

Also Present: Tim O’Laughlin, Water Counsel

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of Agenda Items.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

There were no items taken out of sequence

At the hour of 9:01 a.m. the Board welcomed public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM NO. 1

Ken Krause who resides on Wamble Road stated that it was his understanding that the District did not allow water to be stored in a reservoir/pond for personal use. Director Webb replied that that is incorrect. General Manager Steve Knell also commented that the District is drafting a pond policy that he hoped would be adopted this year by the Board which deals directly with this issue.

There being no further Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:03 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

CONSENT ITEMS

ITEM NOS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

ITEM NO. 2

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2014
AND RESOLUTIONS NOS. 2014-83, 2014-84, 2014-85, 2014-86
2014-87, 2014-88, 2014-89, 2014-90, 2014-91, 2014-92, AND 2014-93**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 9, 2014 and Resolution Nos. 2014-83, 2014-84, 2014-85, 2014-86, 2014-87, 2014-88, 2014-89, 2014-90, 2014-91, 2014-92, and 2014-93.

ITEM NO. 3

**APPROVE THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 4

APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF CAPITAL WORK ORDER NUMBERS

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the assignment of the following Capital Work Order Numbers:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>
Paulsell Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout structure with a 5' x 6' precast MBI structure, install new 18" x 8' slide gate, 20" of 18" PVC pipe, and a stilling well.	\$15,700	2014-089
Clavey Pipeline	Remove and upgrade existing gate with a new 16" x 12.5' Fresno 101C slide gate.	\$3,100	2014-090
Lower Cometa Lateral	Remove and upgrade turnout structure with a 5' x 7' precast MBI structure, new 18" x 9' Fresno 101C slide gate, one 18" butterfly valve, 20' of 18" PVC pipe and a stilling well.	\$23,300	2015-001
Fairbanks Lateral	Remove and abandon existing structure, construction of a new OID standard drop structure with a Rubicon Flume Gate Model No. FGB-0760-1273, 12" x 7.5' Fresno 101C slide gate, handrail and grating.	\$72,800	2015-002

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2014

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2014.

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE EXTENSION OF
EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the extension of the Employee Health and Wellness Program.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S 2015 INVESTMENT POLICY

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution Adopting the Oakdale Irrigation District's 2015 Investment Policy.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2014-53 APPROVING
MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES TO
INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGE AND STORM DISCHARGE FEES

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve Amendment to Resolution 2014-53 Approving Miscellaneous Rates and Charges for Special Services to Include Agricultural Discharge and Storm Discharge Fees.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE WORK RELEASE NO. 001 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT 2014-PSA-010 TO MARCIA HERMANN DESIGN FOR
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OID QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS FOR 2015

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported approve Work Release No. 001 to Professional Services Agreement 2014-PSA-010 to Marcia Hermann Design for Research and Development of OID Quarterly Newsletters for 2015.

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF TURBO ASSEMBLY
ON DISTRICT VEHICLE #34 UTILIZING NORCAL KENWORTH

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the replacement of the turbo assembly on District vehicle #34 utilizing NorCal Kenworth.

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE WILL SERVE LETTER TO ROBIN GROHL FOR PARCEL 1 OF
THE TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP (APN: 010-046-032 – 10331 RIO SOMBRA COURT)

A motion as made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the Will Serve Letter to Robin Grohl for Parcel 1 of the Tentative Parcel Map (APN: 010-046-032 – 10-331 Rio Sombra Court).

ITEM NO. 12
APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW KEARNEY PIPELINE EASEMENT IN EXCHANGE
FOR ABANDONMENT OF THE UNION RECLAMATION
PUMP AND UNION PUMP PIPELINE (APN: 015-014-027 – ALANIS)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of the New Kearney Pipeline Easement in Exchange for Abandonment of the Union Reclamation Pump and Union Pump Pipeline (APN: 015-014-027 – Alanis).

ITEM NO. 13
APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TURNOUT ON THE
VAMP PIPELINE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF THE
MILNES AND WEAVER RECLAMATION PUMPS
(APN: 014-044-023 – CAROL WEAVER/WEAVER FAMILY 1997 TRUST)

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the construction of a new turnout on the Vamp Pipeline in exchange for the abandonment of the Milnes and Weaver Reclamation Pumps (APN: 014-044-023 – Carol Weaver/Weaver Family 1997 Trust).

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEMS NOS. 14, 15, 16

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE
THE ON-FARM CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM

As of Friday morning, January 2nd, OID had received 33 Solicitation of Interest Forms covering 45 irrigated parcels and about 1,106 acres that have shown an interest in the program.

The statistical breakdown of enrollment includes;

- 12 of the 33 parcels include lands of between 1 to 10 acres in size encompassing 69 acres total.
- 12 of the 33 parcels include lands of between 10 to 40 acres in size encompassing 175 acres total.
- 9 of the 33 parcels include lands of between 40 to 177 acres in size encompassing 862 acres total.

- 1 parcel is a mix of pasture and oats.
- 2 parcels are a mix of oats and corn.
- 1 parcel is a mix of pasture and rice.
- All other 29 parcels are pasture.

Three fields totaling 160 acres have already signed up for the program in 2016 should it continue.

Only consumptive use water is eligible for transfer under this program. Under that limitation, it would appear that 4,000 acre feet of CU water will be marketed at \$400 per acre foot. This will generate an influx of \$1.6 million into the community of which 75% will be "project funds", generating \$1.2 million in local economic stimulus to pipe/pump suppliers, land levelers, seed providers, etc.

For a first year program, based on the feedback that has come from participants at the workshops and in individual consultations, there is strong community interest and support of this program. Staff is comfortable with the size and scope of the submittals and feels confident it can manage the program efficiently and with minimal, if any, outside assistance.

If the Board approves the Program for the 2015 Water Season, staff requests the following;

- Setting the final cut-off date for Solicitation of Interest Forms for January 14, 2015.
- Establish an Ad Hoc Committee with the authority to make decisions on contract terms and conditions that may arise during development of the program documents, contracts, etc. Additionally, the Ad Hoc Committee may need to address special conditions or nuances constituent parcels may have that need resolution. The Committee's authority would end at the start of the 2015 irrigation season.

General Manager Steve Knell gave a PowerPoint presentation.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to approve the On-Farm Conservation Funding Program, to establish an Ad Hoc Committee with the authority to make decisions on contract terms and conditions that may arise during the development of the program documents, and to set the final cut-off date to receive Solicitation of Interest Forms for January 14, 2015.

ITEM NO. 15
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO
APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF ANGULAR ROCK FROM JOHN ROEN

Over the course of the past few months, Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) Support Services Manager has been working with John Roen regarding the purchase of approximately 10,000 tons of angular rock located adjacent to the Stockton East Canal just downstream of the tunnel exit portal. Mr. Roen will sell OID approximately 10,000 tons of angular rock varying in size from 4"-24" currently stockpiled for a total price of one dollar. The rock will be loaded and transported by OID to our property on Kaufman & Greger Roads and placed in a stockpile for future use for erosion control in our facilities or potentially to be crushed into ¾" rock to be utilized to construct all weather access roads to project sites. John Roen will maintain the access road during the hauling process.

The terms and conditions of this purchase are outlined in the attached DRAFT response letter to John Roen.

This is an unbudgeted expense for 2015.

A motion was made by Director Doornenbal, seconded by Director Bairos, and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of the angular rock from John Roen for the sum of \$1.00.

ITEM NO. 16
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARD OF FUEL BID(S)
FOR THE 2015 FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL

Staff solicited bids from three (3) fuel vendors to furnish and deliver Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to Oakdale Irrigation District for the year 2015. The vendors were George W. Lowry, Inc., E. R. Vine & Sons & W.H. Breshears, Inc. All three (3) bidders responded with a bid. The low bidder was W. H. Breshears, Inc. Bids were opened at 1:00 pm on Friday, December 19, 2014.

Staff recommends the award of bid to W. H. Breshears, Inc. as the lowest qualified responsive bidder and requests authorization for General Manager to execute General Services Agreement with W. H. Breshears, Inc.

A motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Doornenbal, and unanimously supported to award the bid for the 2015 furnishing and delivery of gasoline and diesel fuel to W. H. Breshears, Inc.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 17

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

General Manager Steve Knell stated that he was contacted by the Water Advisory Committee (WAC) regarding not having a representative of the District sitting on the

committee. The General Manager stated that the WAC felt that it is important for someone from the District to be present at the meetings.

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 584 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. SJTA Commissioners meeting of December 17, 2014 ended in a no decision on the CEO Position. A second Commissioners meeting is set for January 14th to address the matter of hiring or not a CEO.
2. Met with Steve Stroud of the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority. They are a JPA representing the cities of Ceres, Turlock and Modesto.
3. Met with the Paulsell Valley representatives on the development of a term sheet to bring water into Paulsell Valley. Discussed annexation option and OID's position was; until the SWRCB decides the 35-40% Unimpaired Flow Standard, and the impact to OID this represents is understood, OID can't annex. At present time, group not interested in proceeding until annexation is available.
4. Tunnel Tour for Hoekstras on December 16th.
5. Lunch with County representatives on water issues in both the OID service area and regionally.

Construction Activities

1. Assisting Water Ops./Engineering Dept. with various assigned tasks including field and plan review of capital projects.
2. OID forces are working on maintenance tasks and other capital projects including turnout replacements, gate replacements and other misc. projects.
3. Posted out of house for two vacant C&M Worker positions.
4. Assisting with Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued and work releases.
5. Assisted GM on a tunnel tour on 12/16.
6. Acquired Restricted Materials Permits (RMP's) from both Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties to apply restricted materials within OID easements and right of ways for 2015.
7. Assisting Water Ops. Manager on various landowner meetings regarding the On-Farm Conservation Program.

Water Operations Activities

Engineering

1. Land use Conversion – Continued to work with landowners, tenants, irrigation design companies and Support Services/Water Operations concerning ongoing and future land use conversion projects.
2. Staff is continuing to coordinate signatures for the proposed Kearney and Town "E" pipeline projects.
3. The revised GWO was adopted by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors on November 25th. There has been no discussion regarding the County's plan for implementation.
4. Processed several Request for Work Approvals, plans and cost estimates as needed for 2014-15 winter construction and maintenance projects.

5. Continued to conduct various landowner meetings to continue discussions regarding future project implementation.

Ag Water

1. Continued to research and respond to miscellaneous irrigation and maintenance issues and inquiries.
2. Winter SCADA maintenance continued at all remotely monitored and automated sites.
3. Numerous calls were received and several landowner meetings were conducted to answer questions regarding their potential participation in the proposed OID On-Farm Conservation Program.
4. Water Operations staff worked with Construction and Maintenance Dept. staff to convey storm water that naturally entered the system over the weekend of January 12th. With the wind and being the storm of any significance, more debris than usual had to be removed and managed at various points along the system

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41:
 - Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Water Pumping Stations:
 - Staff continues to conduct weekly inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report.
3. Domestic Water Systems:
 - A meeting of the ID 45 & ID 49 Committees was held on Tuesday, December 9th to continue to work out the details regarding the County's instructions to merge the two water systems.
4. Rural Water System No. 1:
 - Locked out one service for non-payment.
 - The water storage tank air charger at the Hunter Ranch Pumping Station was replaced on Tuesday, December 16th.
5. Knights Ferry Community Services District:
 - Staff continues to conduct multiple weekly inspections, servicing and security checks on the pumping station.
6. On-Call Activities:
 - Saturday, December 6th, Staff responded to a report of a broken water line in ID51. The customer's backflow assembly was shut off to allow for repairs.
 - Friday, December 12th, the Lambuth Reclamation Pump was reactivated to assist with storm water operations.
 - Sunday, December 14th, the Thompson Pond Reclamation Pump was reactivated to assist as a winter drain pump although the landowners were advised that OID is not legally responsible for storm water operations at the site.
7. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - Staff continued to conduct routine inspection, servicing and security checks of the pumping stations in use as winter storm water pumps. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
 - Claus #2 Drain Pump motor failure was discovered on Monday, December 15th. The motor was pulled and sent in for repairs. The pump was returned to service on Tuesday, December 30th.

- Thornton Deep Well Pump was reactivated for rental from Monday, December 1st thru Friday, December 5th.
- Cleveland Drain Pump repairs have been completed and the pump was returned to service on Tuesday, December 16th.
- Moulton Drain Pump repairs have been completed and the pump was returned to service on Tuesday, December 16th.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

Director Webb stated that there was a Water Committee Meeting scheduled for this afternoon.

C. DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Director Clark

Director Clark had no comments.

Director Doornenbal

Director Doornenbal had no comments.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos wished everyone a happy new year.

Director Webb

Director Webb wished everyone a happy new year. He further stated that he hoped that we get back into the jet stream and that we get a lot of rain.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. to allow time for Tim O’Laughlin, Water Counsel, to arrive.

At the hour of 10:04 a.m. the meeting reconvened and adjourned to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 18

A. *Government Code §54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator*

Negotiating Parties: OID, Stockton East Water District, Westlands
 Water District and State Water Contractors
Property: Water
Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Water Counsel
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

**B. Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of
*Government Code §54956.9 - Existing Litigation***

(1) *Test Claim No. 12-TC-01 (Agricultural Water Measurement),
 Consolidated with Test Claim No. 10-TC-12 (Water Conservation)*

- C. Government Code §54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiator**
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Represented Employee: IT/SCADA Coordinator

- D. Government Code §54957**

At the hour of 11:50 a.m. the Board returned to open session.

Coming out of Closed Session Director Webb stated that by a unanimous vote the Board approved a 5% increase to the IT/SCADA Coordinator's hourly rate.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 18

At the hour of 11:50 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA.

The next Joint Board Meeting for the **Tri-Dam Project** is scheduled for **Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA

Steve Webb, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary