

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
February 19, 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

Lorens Foard commented regarding the South Main Regulating Reservoir completion date and changes to the plan for completion. Steve Knell explained that the contractor had gone beyond the last Board granted extension and were paying damages of \$250.00 per day.

Henry Burtschi commented regarding the delays in completing the South Main Regulating Reservoir.

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Director Clark requested Items 4, 7, 9, 11 and 12 be moved to the Action Calendar.
Director Webb requested that Item 13 be moved to the Action Calendar.

ITEM NO. 3:
CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
FAIRBANKS LATERAL PIPELINE RELOCATION PROJECT IN
COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
AND FIND THE PROJECT “DE MINIMIS”.

After public hearing and discussion a Motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously approved supporting the adoption of a Negative Declaration for the Fairbanks Relocation Project with a finding of “De Minimis” for the project.

ITEM NO. 1:
WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Director Clark thanked Dennis Edge for his letter to the Oakdale Leader. Director Clark stated that the Oakdale Leader was off base in their assumptions in the article that they wrote.

Director Alpers also thanked Dennis Edge for his letter and said that the Oakdale Leader has a responsibility to report the facts and not guess at what we are going to do. Director Alpers asked the Oakdale Leader reporter in attendance ask his editor to apologize for their mistakes.

Director Webb commented that according to the Water Code we could not refund the late charge amount requested by Steve and Patty Hudson.

Director Clark commented that we should waive this small charge as it was not worth the time and effort and it was an error by the post office. Kathy Cook stated that doing so would be against the facts outlined in our policy.

Director Alpers commented that it is not our problem as this is an issue between the Hudson's and the post office.

Henry Burtschi stated that the Water Code allows credits but that we cannot legally refund this late charge.

General Manager Steve Knell stated that it is our policy to respond to this letter, and the main purpose for inclusion in the board packet is to advise the Board of such correspondence. A response will be seen within 30 days in the Board packet.

ITEM NO. 2:
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Steve Knell reported the following:

- ?? Outside counsel letter of interest status
The letter should be sent within the next few days and a copy of it will be in the next Board packet.
- ?? Power Consultants regarding Tri-Dam
Contact has been made with two consulting firms one of them (RW Beck) has scheduled a meeting next week. Following the meeting, RW Beck will draft a scope of work, which will be shared with the Board at our next meeting.
- ?? Rosasco Engineering.
More time is needed to analyze the three (3) options currently being evaluated. The three (3) options under review include:
 1. Relocate the canal;
 2. Sheet pile-steel curtain; and
 3. Develop a flood corridor for the break.

The cost for a geo-tech survey would be between \$10,000 to \$25,000.

- ?? Rainfall graphs were presented to show that we had crossed under our average year in rainfall. Any lack of rainfall now will be deducted from our entitlement.

ITEM NO. 2b
DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Clark asked to have a portable microphone purchased for staff and members of the public finding it difficult to approach the lectern to speak.

Director Brichetto asked for status of the medical insurance quotes. Kathy Cook responded to his comments and advised of an upcoming meeting with another insurance broker.

John Brichetto made comments regarding OI'D'S practice of moving pipelines when they are in the way of farmers. Mr. Brichetto also commented that the late fee charged to the Hudson's is such a small amount of money to be consuming so much time.

Director Taro questioned the moving of the Fairbanks pipeline. Steve Knell stated that the pipeline had reached its useful life and it is time to abandon it and install a new one.

ITEMS NO. 5, 6, 8, 10, 14
CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Review and approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations.
6. Review and approve Oakdale Irrigation Improvement District's Statement of Obligations.
8. Approve Agreements for the Positive Location of Underground Utilities with CalTrans.
10. Review and approve price quotes for sand separator at ID #52, well #2.
14. Review and consider resolution authorizing encroachment agreement on Adams Lateral No. 2.

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

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Director Clark commented that a change was needed on Page 3, Item No. 2b; line 2. That should read MID rather than OID.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Bricchetto and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 5, 2002.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE THE MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT AND
INTERNAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR
THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2002

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report and Internal Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2002.

ITEM NO. 9
CONSIDER AND REVIEW PRICE QUOTES FOR
FENCING OF 4 VARIOUS OI D SITES

Director Clark asked that all future bids include the 3 price quotes in Board Agenda Reports rather than showing just the lowest one.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported to award the contract for fencing of 4 District sites to The Yard.

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF
PROPERTY NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR DISTRICT
PURPOSES – USED PUMPS, MOTORS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

Director Clark had questions regarding the method of disposal and General Manager Steve Knell advised that we are planning an auction. Director Clark asked if employees were excluded from the auction? It will be up the discretion of the General Manager to decide if employees are to be excluded from bidding at the auction.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution authorizing the disposal of property no longer necessary for District purposes, used pumps, motors and electrical equipment.

ITEM NO. 12
DETERMINE THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF
THE STODDARD LATERAL

Mr. Jerry Nation expressed his opinion regarding ownership of this lateral. He would like to see OID maintain this facility and fix the problems related to this ditch. After discussion Mr. Nation was advised that this would be brought back to the Board for resolution on how the facility will be fixed. Director Alpers explained to Mr. Nation that the action today is just to determine whether the facility is the property of OID or Mr. Nation, not determination of what we will do about fixing the problems.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported that we accept this facility as property of The Oakdale Irrigation District.

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND CONSIDER CLAIM FOR
DAMAGES FROM FRANK, SHERRY AND LILLIAN FENN

Director Webb commented that this claim should be followed closely by the Board, deny the claim and immediately give to our insurance carrier for their handling. The individual property owners were well aware of the condition of the property and it is through no fault of Oakdale Irrigation District that this incident occurred.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Taro that we deny the claim for damages of Frank, Sherry and Lillian Fenn and immediately forward their claim to our insurance carrier.

ITEM NO. 15
REVIEW AND CONSIDER
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETINGS

All Strategic Planning Meetings will be open to the public and held in the Board meeting room, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, Ca. from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. General Manager Steve Knell will act as facilitator at the meetings scheduled for March 4, March 11 and March 18, 2002.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously approved to support the scheduling of Strategic Planning Meetings for March 4, March 11, and March 18, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board meeting room at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, Ca.

ITEM NO. 16
REVIEW AND CONSIDER PRICE QUOTES FOR
NEW CLAVEY HOUSE ROOF

Director Clark had questions relative to the bidding for this project and Water Utilities Chief Bob Nielsen answered those questions.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously supported to approve the price quotes for the new Clavey house roof.

ITEM NO. 17
CONSIDER AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF
USED 5-YARD DUMP TRUCK FROM
HERTZ EQUIPMENT RENTAL

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of a used 5-yard dump truck from Hertz Equipment Rental.

ITEM NO. 18
DISCUSS A DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR
THE SOUTH MAIN REGULATING RESERVOIR

It was agreed that a dedication ceremony would not be appropriate at this time. It was suggested that perhaps a "one-day open to the public" event might be better suited for this. This is to be brought back to the Board for further discussion as completion approaches for this project.

ITEM NO. 19
REVIEW AND DISCUSS DRAFT PROCEDURES FOR
SETTING AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETINGS

General Manager Steve Knell highlighted those items that had been changed from the previous outline and will provide a completed policy at the next Board meeting.

ITEM NO. 20
GENERAL MANAGER TO REVIEW LIFE CYCLE
BUDGETING FOR OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

General Manager Steve Knell discussed life cycle budgeting as it relates to our strategic planning efforts. Mr. Knell showed why we must start addressing the old things in this district that need to be replaced which will affect the future revenues of the District. The annual budget need may be greater than the revenues that we currently have allocated, which is typical.

Mr. Foard commented regarding life cycle times and Steve Knell responded to his comments.

At the hour of 10:25 P.M. the Board convened into closed session.

ITEM NO. 21
CLOSED SESSION
UNION NEGOTIATIONS AND WAGE & SALARY GUIDANCE
PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Direction was given to General Manager, Steve Knell to proceed with securing a negotiator and development of a framework for entering union negotiations.

At the hour of 11:30 A.M. the Board adjourned to the next **regular Board of Directors meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, March 5, 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 **February 21, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. in Oakdale.**

Attest:

Steve Knell
Secretary