

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
April 2, 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 Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Henry Burtschi commented regarding the San Joaquin River Group Authority meeting that was held March 22, 2002 and gave a synopsis of that meeting.

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Director Clark asked that Items #5, #6 and #8 be removed from the consent calendar and moved to the action calendar.

PRESENTATION STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT

General Manager Kevin Kauffman presented information and discussed issues relative to the transfer agreement, year 2002 flows, Measure P negotiations, the Farmington Project and regional cooperation/common threats and opportunities. Questions were asked by members of the public and directors and Mr. Kauffman responded to those questions.

Mr. Henry Burtschi commented regarding workshops that are being put on by San Joaquin River Group regarding the Magnicide permits. They expect three to four people from each district to participate. Mr. Burtschi also provided information to Director Clark regarding floodwater

ITEM NO. 2:
GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Steve Knell reported the following:

- ?? Water Season: The season started Friday and we started charging our system.
- ?? Tim O'Laughlin advised that we would be able to make all our deliveries for VAMP Water through the Stanislaus River.
- ?? A rating chart provided by Bill Kull showed for every 6" how much water is in the reservoir and how much storage is available. The reservoir holds almost 262 acre-feet at capacity. The surface area when full is 24.8 acres. Through a lot of coordination and teamwork of the staff, all the work was completed at the reservoir.
- ?? The handout given to the Board was produced by Tim O'Laughlin relative to the San Joaquin River Group addressing water quality issues that affect the District.

Mike Evans commented regarding the initiation of the 2002 water season. Director Taro questioned the measurements at Knights Ferry and Mike Evans responded to his question.

ITEM NO. 2b
DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Webb commented regarding Stockton East's history of pumping water and their water usage.

Director Webb introduced Mr. John Brown who was in the audience and a former member of the Board for the State Water Regional Control Board.

Director Clark asked the status of obtaining a Support Services Manager. General Manager Steve Knell commented that this would be covered under our discussion of the strategic planning short-term goals.

Director Clark asked for the status of the general counsel requests for proposals. Steve Knell responded to his inquiry.

Director Clark commented regarding the funds held in treasury and their interest rate vs. the long-term debts. Chief Financial Officer Kathy Cook responded to his inquiries. Director Clark asked that his be brought back at the next Board meeting for further discussion.

Director Clark asked if the meter had been installed at Golden West Nuts. Bob Nielsen responded to his inquiry.

Director Clark asked the status of the construction schedule. General Manager Steve Knell responded that this would be provided at the next Board meeting.

Director Clark asked that the parcel fees collected from all parcels within the District receiving water (approximately \$200,000) be included as a discussion item on the next agenda.

Director Taro asked if we planned to fence around the new Reservoir. General Manager Steve Knell commented that this is to be included as a discussion item on the next agenda.

Director Brichetto asked to have a walk through on all projects with staff, adjacent landowners and the Board to look at the project for possible problems or other issues.

Director Brichetto asked that staff be provided a worktable during the Board meetings.

Director Alpers also wanted to look at service fees for customers.

ITEM NO. 3
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
ADOPTION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
NORTH DUDLEY PIPELINE RELOCATION PROJECT
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT, AND FIND THE PROJECT "De MINIMIS".

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb and unanimously supported to adopt a Negative Declaration for the North Dudley Pipeline Relocation Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and find the project "De Minimis."

CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM NO. 4, 7, 9, 10 AND 11

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2002

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 19, 2002.

ITEM NO. 7
CONSIDER A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN
ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT TO STUEVE PROPERTIES LP
FOR A CULVERT IN THE STOWELL LATERAL

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve a resolution granting an encroachment agreement to Stueve Properties, L.P. for a culvert in the Stowell Lateral.

ITEM NO. 9
CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ACCESS
EASEMENT TO THE ROBERT VAN LIER REGULATING
RESERVOIR FROM LEONARD J. BROWN

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve a resolution accepting an access easement to the Robert Van Lier Regulating Reservoir from Leonard J. Brown.

ITEM NO. 10
CONSIDER A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN
ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT TO DAVID AND BRENDA COX
FOR A DRIVEWAY ACROSS THE FAXON PIPELINE

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve a resolution granting an encroachment agreement to David and Brenda Cox for a driveway across the Faxon Pipeline.

ITEM NO. 11
APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF CANAL GATES FOR
WORK ORDER NUMBERS 0222, 0223, 0224 AND 0225

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve replacement of canal gates for work order numbers 0222, 0223, 0224 and 0225.

ITEM 5
REVIEW AND APPROVE
OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S
STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

After discussion a Motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations.

ITEM 6
CONSIDER ACCEPTING BID FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE
PIPE FOR PIPING THE FAIRBANKS LATERAL

After discussion a Motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously supported to accept the reinforced concrete pipe for piping the Fairbanks Lateral.

ITEM NO. 8
2001-2002 PROJECTED ACRE FEE
USAGE/PROJECTED NUMBER OF ROTATIONS

After discussion a motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb and unanimously supported to approve the 2001-2002 projected acre-feet usage/projected number of rotations.

ITEM NO. 12
REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TRUCK BED
AND BODY FOR NEW FORD CREW TRUCK

After discussion a motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers and unanimously supported to approve the purchase of truck bed and body for new Ford crew truck.

Mr. Larry Foard made comments regarding the 2001-2002 projected acre usage discussed in Item #8. Director Alpers responded to his comments.

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE
DISTRICT'S CREDIT CARD POLICY

After discussion of the current policy a Motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Clark to retain the current credit card policy with the exception that no director shall have an Oakdale Irrigation District credit card and voted as follows:

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

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND CONSIDER AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 97-07;
SERVICES AND PURCHASING POLICY FOR THE OAKDALE
IRRIGATION DISTRICT, SECTION 4, BIDDING/QUOTATIONS

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Taro to discontinue the 3% allowance for local vendors and voted as follows:

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

ITEM NO. 15
REVIEW AND CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE
2002 APPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 8 THROUGH JUNE 12, 2002

After discussion this item was tabled until after the next Tri-Dam meeting to be held April 18, 2002 in order to ascertain what other directors might be attending or if our attendance would be necessary.

ITEM NO. 16
REVIEW AND CONSIDER
RESOLUTION NO. NIL OF OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BOARD AGENDAS

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers and unanimously supported to approve Resolution No. NIL of Oakdale Irrigation District establishing policy for development of Board Agendas

DISCUSSION ITEM
ITEM NO. 17
STRATEGIC PLANNING SHORT-TERM GOALS

Director Clark commented that certain items cannot wait for completion of a strategic plan, i.e., safety, training, financial policy.

Director Brichetto commented that he would like to see us narrow our short-term topics and have the General Manager identify some projects and go forward on them without wasting another half of year by using consultants to complete our strategic plan.

Director Clark asked that the General Manager research and make recommendations on the staffing, complete a new organizational chart and advise the Board of OID weaknesses and what the General Manager needs in those areas to get things working and get things accomplished.

General Manager Steve Knell advised the Board that by mid-month he would provide 2 or 3 organizational charts that will be presented to the Personnel Committee for their review and discussion before presentation to the Board.

General Manager Steve Knell commented that addressing the staffing, training and safety element are foremost on his agenda. These are being prioritized and getting ready for staff to address.

General Manager Steve Knell asked that all issues relative to the status and/or progress of certain issues be discussed in closed session as they relate to his employment contract and/or job description.

Director Alpers asked that a Personnel Committee meeting be coordinated in order to discuss the staffing, training, safety and organizational chart issues.

General Manager Steve Knell advised that he would provide a staffing recommendation to the Board with a staffing budget, after review by the Personnel Committee.

Director Brichetto commented that he would like to see the Board involved in the hiring of the Support Services Manager.

Director Clark commented that on the agenda for the next Board meeting is the OID Employment Process Policy as a discussion item.

General Manager Steve Knell commented that it is his responsibility to determine hiring, firing for all employees. For positions like Support Services Manager we will use an independent panel, the Board can sit in on this but cannot make the determination of who gets hired.

Director Alpers commented that the Board needs to let the General Manager do his job and that he is responsible for the management of the day-to-day operations of the District as well as all personnel issues.

Director Webb commented the Board needs to let the General Manager manage the District and stay out of the day-to-day operations and personnel issues.

Betty Serpa commented that the District now has a good General Manager and that the Board needs to give him a chance to complete his work and let him do his job.

CLOSED SESSION

ITEM NO. 17

At the hour of 11:30 A.M. the Board convened into Closed Session to discuss the following:

- A. CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION – POSSIBLE LITIGATION AGAINST OTHERS PURSUANT TO 54956.9 [c]

Staff was directed to prepare and send correspondence to resolve the issue. No formal action was taken.

At the hour of 12:00 P.M. the Board adjourned to the next **regular Board of Directors meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, April 16, 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 **April 18, 2002 at 9:00 A.M. in Oakdale.**

Attest:

Steve Knell
Secretary