

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
May 3, 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
Tony Taro arrived at 9:04 a.m.

Staff Present: Steve Knell, P.E., General Manager/Secretary
Gary Jernigan, P.E., Support Services Manager
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer
Kevin L. King, Operations Supervisor – Water Resources

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

None.

CONSENT ITEMS **ITEMS 1, 3**

ITEM NO. 1

APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 3, 2005 AND RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2005, and Resolution No. 2005-13.

ITEM NO. 3

APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS

A motion was made by Director Alpers, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Contracts for Various Vendors and Contractors.

General Manager Knell requested that Item No. 2 be removed from the consent calendar.

ACTION ITEMS
ITEMS 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

ITEM NO. 2
APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

General Manager Knell stated that an item needed to be added to the Statement of Obligations in the amount of \$1,271.55 for Director Taro's attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference in San Jose.

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

ITEM NO. 4
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE
ORDER NO. 1 TO RTC FOR THE MOULTON PIPELINE PROJECT

RTC is the contractor for the Moulton Pipeline Project. During replacement of the pipeline two (2) private turnouts were discovered that are not shown on the plans and not part of the original quote. Staff recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute Change Order No.1 to RTC in the amount of \$1,000.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to approve the Change Order No. 1 to RTC for the Moulton Pipeline Project.

ITEM NO. 5
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ISSUANCE
OF A "WILL SERVE LETTER" FOR THE PROPOSED BERGEY LOT SPLIT

Mr. Keith Bergey is requesting a "Will Serve Letter" from OID to supply domestic water from OID's Rural Water System to 1 proposed lot created by splitting the existing lot located at 10655 Dixon Road. This proposed lot is located on the north side of Dixon Road, across the street from OID's Hunter Ranch Estates Subdivision in RWS No. 1.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto and seconded by Director Alpers for discussion. After further discussion, it was unanimously supported to approve the issuance of a "Will Serve Letter" for the proposed Bergey lot split.

ITEM NO. 6
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON
QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENT ON THE GRIFFIN DRAIN

In the process of developing the new District Map, the Board of Directors reviewed and adopted numerous facilities, or portions thereof as District Facilities from 1997 through

2000. In 1993, OID accepted a Grant of Easement for the Griffin Drain near the Southern portion of the facility, as shown on the attached Project Site Map. However, the Board of Directors has never formally adopted the Griffin Drain as a District Facility and with the exception of the aforementioned easement there are no other easements along its alignment. The Griffin Drain is not a facility that benefits OID operations and as such Staff recommends the Board quitclaim the existing easement.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Taro, and unanimously supported to approve the Quitclaim of Easement on the Griffin Drain.

ITEM NO. 7
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REVISED
DRAFT OF RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
OPERATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF IRRIGATION WATER
WITHIN THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT SERVICE AREA

Outlined in the Strategic Plan adopted by the Board on July 15, 2003, was the revision of the Gray Book. The "Gray Book" formally titled, *Rules and Regulations for the Distribution of Water in the Oakdale Irrigation District* was last revised in August 1990. In the last fifteen years there have been many changes in Board policy, as well as the California Water Code which needed to be added.

Staff requests that the working draft is be adopted as a working draft or the 2005 Irrigation Season to ensure the thoroughness and correctness of the revisions. After a year of use and practice final changes, if any, will be made in the Fall 2005/06 and the final document will be brought before the Board for approval in the early Spring of 2006.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Webb, and seconded by Director Alpers to Adopt the Revised Draft of the Rules & Regulations Governing the Operation and Distribution of Irrigation Water within the Oakdale Irrigation District Service Area, entitle it Working Draft, and mail copies to all water users, and was voted as follows:

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

DISCUSSION ITEM
ITEM NO. 8
DISCUSSION OF THE WELLFIELD OPTIMIZATION PROJECT UNDER THE
LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE PLAN, AB 303 FUNDING

Kevin King, Water Operations Supervisor, Special Projects Coordinator discussed the Wellfield Optimization Project.

At 10:05 a.m. the Board of Directors welcomed participation by the public in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT
ITEM NO. 10

Mr. Henry Burtschi stated that he had received a flyer in the mail explaining the domestic water district and asked if the domestic water districts were being charged for this expense or if the District was paying the costs associated with the flyer. Mr. Burtschi also had a question concerning the expenditures to date for the Water Resources Plan.

Mr. Laurens Foard commented on the operations of the Oakdale Irrigation District and his dissatisfaction with providing information when requested.

At 10:13 a.m. public comment was closed and the Board Meeting continued.

COMMUNICATIONS
ITEM NO. 9

A. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Irrigation Activities

1. Rotation No. 3 will begin on or around May 3rd.
2. Still a shaky start to the water season. Rainfall not helping.

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 356 days without a lost time injury accident. May 12th will be a milestone first for OID with a 12 month span without a lost time injury accident!!

Administration Activities

1. Staff is gearing up for the Chocolate Festival, in which OID is hosting the Ag Booth this year.
2. Received letter from City of Stockton wishing to open discussions regarding renewing the existing water transfer which terms out in 2009.
3. With the likelihood of unused water this year, GM requested Water Counsel to investigate interest in "end of year" water sales as a means to increase revenues.
4. Met with Kent Stacy (Con Agra), Jay Gilbert (A.L. Gilbert), Stockton Record, and the Modesto Bee's Editorial Board on the Water Resources Plan. The planning effort was well received at all meetings.
5. SJ River Temperature Model-Kick Off Meeting was April 22nd.
6. SJRG Commission Meeting was April 29th.

Accounting Activities

1. Normal workload activities.
2. Putting together annual financial report.

C&M Operations Activities

1. Contract Close Out for the Construction Contracts

2. Completing Job Set Up Forms on critical work identified since the start of Water Deliveries
3. Completing the Moulton Pipeline Replacement
4. Finishing Punch List items on all winter projects
5. Rehabilitating the Crouch Lateral and control structure
6. Removing spoil piles on various laterals previously cleaned
7. Completed the repair to the Clavey Booster Pump Pressure Boxes to deliver water for one rotation and then complete the repairs

Engineering Activities

1. Assisting C&M in numerous field engineering operations
2. Suspense Forms
3. Misc. town water issues
4. Reviewing Engineering Technician applications
5. Standard Specifications and Drawings revisions

Water Utility Activities

1. Preparing annual Consumer Confidence Report for the 9 domestic water systems. This is required by law and has to be issued to our customers by July 1st of each year.
2. Evaluating outside applications for the WUD Technician position.
3. Preparing for Lead & Copper water quality testing for the 9 domestic water systems. This test is required every three years and involves 5 to 10 home owners in each subdivision, who assist OID by collecting water samples from the faucets inside their homes. The testing procedures are done in June.
4. Met with several small landowners who would like to connect lots to OID's Rural Water Systems. "Will Serve Letters" may be submitted at future board meetings for consideration.
5. Working with State DHS on possibility of combining OID's RWS #1 & #2 into one water system. Combining the systems would significantly lower the permitting fees and water quality testing costs.
6. WUD staff continues to monitor the use of the Olive Ranch Estates deep well pump in RWS #2 which is in use to help supply the water needs of those landowners down stream of the Clavey Pumping Station.
1. No problems to report with any of the irrigation pumps, with the exception of the No. 1 Clavey Booster Pump (50hp), which is close to being fully operational.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Water Resources Plan Committee – Director Alpers stated that the ad hoc committee meeting on land use planning forecasts was very informative. He stated that this will be presented at the next Board meeting and it will show where Oakdale is going in the future.

South San Joaquin River Group – Director Alpers stated that this meeting was the most informative since he has been attending these meetings. There were three issues presented at the last meeting: The first being that the SJRG defeated the Deltakeepers on two key issues, i.e., water quality issue and the issue of measuring all tributaries; the second issue is that a grant out of Proposition 50 or 801 in the sum of \$3 Million is being

awarded to the SJRG to conduct water monitoring in the five irrigation districts. This would be at about 25 locations in waterways that discharge to the San Joaquin River. This should help the Ag. Waiver problems of district and city testing; they are a proponent on water quality. This should help solve issues in advance of laws coming down the pike; the third issue was SB 820 being presented by Sheila Kuehl, Chair of the State Water Committee, which could affect our water rights. There are eight things that are beneficial and this bill will erase part of it quite possibly. Director Alpers stated that it is definitely anti agricultural. He stated that everyone should write their legislature and tell them that they feel adversely to AB 820.

C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Alpers

None.

Director Webb

Director Webb stated that he would like to see everybody working together to solve problems. He further stated that he hopes that we can work with the people and that the people don't feel that they cannot come before this Board or any of our staff members if they have a problem that is adverse to our policies. We all have to work together.

Director Clark

None.

Director Brichetto

Director Brichetto stated that he felt the public was shielded from the appointment of the ad hoc Subdivision Parcel Map Policy Committee. He further stated that he did not think that the Directors were appointed to have closed door ad hoc meetings. The more public involvement the better. He felt that the Directors abused their power and that it does not give our constituents confidence because it looks like we have a secret society. Director Brichetto also inquired as to the status of the Weststeyn project.

Director Taro

Directors Taro commented on the dissatisfaction of the people in the District. He stated that they are complaining about not letting them attend meetings that may affect them and that it gives them a bad attitude on what the District is all about. They are the owners of this District and they pay the taxes and those people should have the right to hear what is going on and maybe help with some of the decisions that are being made.

OTHER ACTION ITEM NO. 24

At the hour of 10:35 a.m. a motion was made by Director Alpers, and seconded by Director Brichetto, and unanimously supported to adjourn to the next **regular Board of Director's Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, May 17, 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, May 19, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.** in the board room of the Tri-Dam Project, 31885 Old Strawberry Road, Strawberry, California

Frank Clark, President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary