

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
December 17, 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
 Frank Clark
 Tony Taro
 Steve Webb

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager
 Bob Nielsen, Supervisor of Field Operations
 Wayne Truhett, Supervisor of Facilities and Rights-of-Way
 Mike Evans, Watermaster
 Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT; APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

ITEM NO. 1

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Director Clark stated that the Water Code §21376 states:

“At its organizational meeting the board shall elect a president from its members and appoint a secretary, who shall each hold office during the pleasure of the board.”

Since the Board elected a president and vice president at its organizational meeting held in December of 2001 no election is necessary at this time.

No Action Taken.

ITEM NO. 2

CHANGE TO RESOLUTION FOR ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW OFFICERS

No Action Taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lorens Foard made the following comments or questions:

- The level of service that landowners would receive at the lower end would not be good if annexation were to take place and that OID should look at starting rotations at the lower end rather than the top.
- Deep wells were put in the wrong places or were not done at all after Board approval
- Asked the status of the Claribel guniting.
- Wanted to commend the employees for the fine job they did rebuilding the Tulloch Lateral.

Director Clark thanked Mr. Foard for the time he has spent on researching issues and his interest in Oakdale Irrigation District.

ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additions or deletions of agenda items.

ACTION TO TAKE VARIOUS ITEMS OUT OF SEQUENCE

No action to take various items out of sequence.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM NO. 3 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

COMMENTS ON IID WATER TRANSFER

- As a result of IID's Board voting down the water transfer, the Secretary of Interior will put the Colorado River "on-order" on January 1, 2003. What that means is that California will be limited to its 4.4 MAF entitlement to the Colorado River; it had been taking 5.2 MAF. That short fall will come out of MWD'S entitlement, which is the agency that has been over-drafting on the River. Agriculture will lose nothing in the way of water, but agriculture has set the stage for an interesting water year in 2003.

- News articles given to the Board show that MWD has already secured 200 KAF from rice growers in the Sacramento Valley. They have secured this water by paying \$10/acre foot annually for options to take the water, a \$5/acre foot to the local communities for third party impacts and will pay \$90/acre foot for the actual taking of the water.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

- Our maintenance organization and structure will be reorganized in the coming days. Since the maintenance program was started a lot has been learned about the things that are working well and those that are not. The changes being made are being done to put that information to use.

AG. WAIVER UPDATE

- At the California Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting held December 5, 2002, the Board extended the Ag Waivers for discharge 2 years.
- The requirements for that extension are that ag develop a monitoring program within this interval and begin reporting to the Regional Boards the flow and constituent concentrations of its surface water discharges.
- The general managers of the SJRGA, Merced, Turlock, Modesto, SSJID and OID met last Wednesday night in Manteca to begin the planning effort which that will entail.
- Existing resource contractors from URS and Lenwood Hall, University of Maryland were there to capture the direction the irrigation districts wish to go.
- Personal experiences of the General Managers with RWQCBs is that this next two years is the first interval in a multi-year “ratchet-down” approach to bring Ag into compliance with the Clean Water Act. A guess would be that the next period after the two year extension will be a requirement to reduce the known pollutant loads by a certain percentage over a period of time, followed by a subsequent cascade of intervals and required attainment goals.

Mr. Dennis Edge commented that from what he read the District will be monitoring the quality of the discharge coming out of the District. What we would be dealing with is an accumulation of all the pollutants within the District. Mr. Edge asked if the District would try and identify where the pollutants were coming from and have those people correct the problems. Mr. Edge also asked what the District would do if those polluting met the required state standards how we would require them to reduce the pollutants any further. Director Alpers responded on the issue of dairies that it really is not going to be OID'S problem regarding the dairies. The dairies are monitored very harshly now and they have been monitored to the point where a lot of them don't have run off anymore.

Director Brichetto commented that the Central San Joaquin District has a program that reaches out to the farmers for on-farm reclamation and they will pay for 25% of it and finance 75% at 3% to retrain/recycle all the water, and to upgrade their systems so they are more efficient.

ITEM 3B
DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Webb:

- Director Webb wanted to express the very best of Christmas wishes to everyone.

Director Alpers:

- President Bush and the Federal Government have ruled against some of the Delta water being used for salmon and are returning some of it to farming which is a major turn-around at the Federal level. If this continues it will influence the IID decision somewhere along the line.

CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM NO. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

ITEM NO. 4
APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES
OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2002

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously support to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 2002.

ITEM NO. 5
APPROVE THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S
STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the Oakdale Irrigation District's Statement of Obligations

ITEM NO. 6
APPROVE THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S
STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the Oakdale Irrigation Improvement District's Statement of Obligations.

ITEM NO. 7
APPROVE THE MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT AND
INTERNAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE
MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2002

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report and Internal Financial Reports for the month ending November 30, 2002.

- ITEM NO. 8**
- APPROVE CLOSING CAPITAL PROJECT WORK ORDER NUMBERS:**
- 0151 – BURNETT LATERAL – INSTALL 7'500' OF 36" RCP**
 - 0242 – SOUTH LATERAL – REPLACE 20" C-10 GATE – BURTSCHI**
 - 0243 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 14" C-10 GATE – PALLESCHI**
 - 0244 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 12" C-10 GATE – SCOTT**
 - 0245 – TULLOCH LATERAL – REPLACE 18" C-10 GATE – MC WILLIAMS**
 - 0246 – SOUTH LATERAL – REPLACE 12" C-10 GATE – WANTY**
 - 0249 – PALMER LATERAL – REPLACE 24" C-10 GATE – LUTZ**
 - 0250 – PALMER LATERAL – REPLACE 16" C-10 GATE – POSTMA**
 - 0252 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 20" C-10 GATE – MC DONALD**
 - 0254 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 14" C-10 GATE – RYKEN**
 - 0255 – PALMER LATERAL – REPLACE 2 GATES – 24" & 36" – BAIROS/POSTMA**
 - 0256 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 14" C-10 GATE – DUTRA**
 - 0257 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 24" C-10 GATE – DUTRA**
 - 0258 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 18" C-10 GATE – RYKEN**
 - 0259 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 18" C-10 GATE – RYKEN**
 - 0262 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 24" C-10 GATE – CULLEN**
 - 0264 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 24" C-10 GATE – STEADMAN**
 - 0265 – HIRSCHFELD LATERAL – REPLACE 24" GATE – STEADMAN**
 - 0266 – ALBERS I – REPLACE 18" C-10 GATE – DEVISSER**
 - 0270 – MOOTZ LATERAL – REPLACE 16" SLIDE GATE – SCHONHOFF**
 - 0271 – MOOTZ LATERAL – REPLACE 14" C-10 GATE – BRICHETTO**
 - 0273 – E. THALHEIM – REPLACE 12" C-10 GATE – WESTERN**
 - 0274 – E. THALHEIM – REPLACE 12" C-10 GATE – WESTERN**

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve closing Work Order Numbers #0151, #0242, #0243, #0244, #0245,

#0246, #0249, #0250, #0252, #0254, #0255, #0256, #0257, #0258, #0259, #0262, #0264, #0265, #0266, #0270, #0271, #0273, and #0274.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF THE TOWNHILL PUMP PIPELINE

The existing concrete pipeline leading from the Townhill Drain/Reclamation Pump has deteriorated to the point that it is chronically blowing out causing a large amount of the hillside to wash away each time. Construction & Maintenance has been unsuccessful in patching these areas due to the pipelines' deteriorated condition. The Board was asked to approve the replacement of the existing 200' of concrete pipe with 15" PVC pipe. The estimated cost for this project is \$9,000. The 2002 budget included \$10,000 for the installation of pipeline on the Dillman Lateral, and this project was cancelled. Staff recommended diverting the funds designated for the Dillman Lateral project to fund this project.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve replacement of the Townhill Pump Pipeline.

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR
OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT CREDIT CARD POLICY

At the April 2, 2002 meeting the Board of Directors voted to retain the District's Credit Card Policy with the exception that no Director shall be issued a credit card. At that time no resolution was adopted. A resolution is now submitted for Board ratification.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Brichetto and unanimously supported to approve the Resolution for Oakdale Irrigation District Credit Card Policy.

DISCUSSION ITEM

ITEM NO. 17
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HIRSCHFELD LATERAL

Problems with the Hirschfeld Lateral, specifically that portion currently owned by Jake Weeda, have been before the Board numerous times and nothing has been accomplished. When OID met with mosquito abatement early last month, they identified this situation as one the most problematic vector control problems in the area.

The General Manager proposed the following course of action to resolve this issue:

- OID to remove all surface encroachments on OID right of way at its expense.

- OID to remove the concrete lid and walls of the underground box structure at its expense.
- OID to rebuild the Hirschfeld Lateral back to an earthen ditch to OID standards at its expense.
- OID to install one 20-foot top width maintenance crossing at a location suitable to the landowner and OID at OID expense.
- Landowner responsible for all other expenses not covered by the above.

The General Manager suggested that the Board give Mr. Weeda a reasonable amount of time within which to make a decision on the actions agreed upon by the Board. After that time, the matter should be referred to legal counsel for appropriate action. The estimated cost for the encroachment removal, bank rehabilitation, maintenance crossing and miscellaneous costs is \$65,000.

Mr. Weeda was in attendance and expressed his concerns and outlined an estimate he received for a proposed reconstruction.

Mrs. Betty Serpa stated that she had previously lived on Groom Road and that the problems go from Steinegul to Henry Road.

The Board concurred that:

- A facilities survey will be done
- A meeting will be coordinated between OID and Mr. Weeda to discuss all the avenues available in order to determine the best possible solution and what each will contribute monetarily.
- Every effort should be made to try and complete these processes by the end of January 2003.

ACTION CALENDAR

ITEM NO. 11

REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES

No Action Taken.

ITEM NO. 12
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO
APPROVE 2003 BUDGET

At the Board Meeting held November 19, 2002, the General Manager gave a presentation on the 2003 Draft Budget. At the December 3, 2002 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors discussed changes to the 2003 Draft Budget. The following changes were made:

- Included 2002 "Rollover" Capital Projects (an increase of \$425,000)
- Deleted long-term obligations on autos and equipment, and added those items as 2003 Capital Purchases (a net increase of \$153,767)
- Added a statement to the "Notes to the Budget" reflecting the anticipated percentage increase/decrease in designated funds.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb and unanimously supported to approve the 2003 Budget.

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO
APPROVE GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL SERVICE BIDDING PROCESS

A solicitation for gasoline and diesel fuel service bids was mailed to eight vendors. Three (CL Bryant, Inc., WH Breshears, Inc., and Paul Oil Co.) responded by the deadline and one (George W. Lowry, Inc.) returned a bid form after the deadline had passed. Paul Oil Company, Oakdale Irrigation District's current vendor, submitted the lowest bid price.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously supported to approve the gasoline and diesel fuel service bidding process.

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO
APPROVE THE WATER MEASUREMENT PROGRAM

Grant Davids of Davids Engineering, Inc. in Davis, California made a presentation to the Board of Directors on October 1, 2002 on the needs and benefits for establishment of a water measurement program. At the October 15, 2002 Board Meeting, the Board directed the General Manager to develop a scope of work with Davids Engineering, Inc. to develop such a program for OID. That plan was presented to the Board at the December 3, 2002 meeting, with no changes being made. The fiscal impact for this plan is \$34,700.

A motion was made by Directed Webb, seconded by Director Clark and unanimously supported to approve the Water Measurement Program presented by Davids Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$34,700.

ITEM NO. 15
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO
APPROVE THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

The existing Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) manual dated June 21, 1991 is outdated and does not meet current Cal/OSHA requirements. An onsite consultation provided by Cal/OSHA noted several discrepancies in the existing manual. Following the guidelines provided by Cal/OSHA, a new document was created and successfully reviewed by Cal/OSHA. It is requested that the Board of Directors review and adopt the proposed IIPP document so that it may be implemented.

General Manager Steve Knell commended Joe Fos and Derek Davis for their diligence and efforts in completing this plan and working with Cal/OSHA to insure its compliance.

ITEM NO. 16
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO
CANCEL IRRIGATION CHARGES AND PENALTIES FOR THE
YEAR 2002 AND 2003 FOR STANLEY PAREDES

The Board of Directors at their meeting held on June 18, 2002 tabled Mr. Paredes' request for cancellation of water charges. Staff was instructed to contact Mr. Paredes and ask that he appear before the Board to discuss his request. Mr. Paredes was not able to attend a Board meeting due to health problems. In consideration of the District's amended policy of December 5, 2002 regarding requests for Surface Irrigation Water Abandonment, it is the recommendation of the District's General Counsel that water charges on Mr. Paredes property after the 2001 water year be cancelled.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported to cancel the water charges on Mr. Paredes property for the years 2002 and 2003.

Director Webb questioned the ongoing problems experienced with the medical insurance as it relates to cancellation or changing of medical groups and physicians. Kathy Cook stated that she had placed a call to Aetna and would advise of the outcome.

A motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported to adjourn to Closed Session at the hour of 10:40 A.M.

**CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 18**

- A. **OID REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL** – The General Manager discussed with the Board the individual skills, knowledge and abilities of current employees to meet the needs of the proposed reorganization plan.

A motion was made by Director Taro, and seconded by Director Clark to approve a retirement proposal for Wayne Truhett for early retirement. Said proposal will be forwarded to Michael Ijams, Esquire at Curtis & Arata for review. The final proposal is to be presented to Mr. Truhett. Said motion was voted as follows:

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

A motion was made by Director Taro, seconded by Director Webb and unanimously supported to resolve an overtime payment issue with Bob Nielsen.

At the hour of 11:40 P.M. a motion was made by Director Brichetto, seconded by Director Taro and unanimously supported to adjourn to the next **regular Board of Directors meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2003 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 **January 16, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. in Manteca.**

Attest:

Steve Knell
Secretary