

MINUTES

Oakdale, California
August 2, 2011

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: Al Bairos, Jr., President
Frank B. Clark, Vice President
Jack D. Alpers
Steve Webb

Absent: Herman Doornenbal

Staff Present: Steve Knell, General Manager/Secretary
Jason Jones, Support Services Manager
John Davids, District Engineer
Gary Jernigan, Contracts/Special Project Manager
Kathy Cook, Chief Financial Officer
Eric Thorburn, Water Operations Manager

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

There being no Public Comment; Public Comment closed at 9:01 a.m. and the Board Meeting continued.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 2

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE UNION SLOUGH WETLANDS AND WATER QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

President Al Bairos, Jr. asked if there was anyone present who would like to make a comment on the Union Slough Wetlands and Water Quality Enhancement Project.

There being no one coming forward to comment on the Union Slough Wetlands and Water Quality Enhancement Project, the public hearing closed at 9:02 a.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

ITEM NOS. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

ITEM NO. 3

**APPROVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2011**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July, 19, 2011.

ITEM NO. 4

**APPROVE OAKDALE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT STATEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS**

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

ITEM NO. 5

**APPROVE REJECTION OF CLAIM
FOR DAMAGES FILED BY JOHN SPHAR**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the rejection of the Claim for Damages filed by John Sphar.

ITEM NO. 6

**APPROVE BOARD ATTENDANCE AT
2011 CSDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND
EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE IN MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve Board attendance at 2011 CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase in Monterey, California.

ITEM NO. 7

**APPROVE CHANGE TO MEMORIAL
MEDICAL CENTER'S EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve change to Memorial Medical Center's Employee Assistance Program.

ITEM NO. 8
APPROVE GENERAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH HOLT OF CALIFORNIA

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the General Services Agreement with Holt of California.

ITEM NO. 9
APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF THE
CLARIBEL LATERAL REHABILITATION
AND TOTAL CHANNEL CONTROL PROJECT

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Notice of Completion of the Claribel Lateral Rehabilitation and Total Channel Control Project.

ITEM NO. 10
APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF THE
COMETA LATERAL REHABILITATION
AND TOTAL CHANNEL CONTROL PROJECT

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously supported to approve the Notice of Completion of the Cometa Lateral Rehabilitation and Total Channel Control Project.

ACTION CALENDAR
ITEM NOS. 11, 12, 13, 14

ITEM NO. 11
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION
ON THE CONTRIBUTION REQUEST
OF OAKDALE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

This request was reviewed by the Planning and Public Relations Committee on July 19, 2011. The OID has been a past contributor to the Oakdale Education Foundation since its inception. The Foundation provides many benefits to school children and programs which are not supported by the school due to a lack of funding.

The Foundation has only one paid employee (receiving a nominal stipend) and runs on community volunteers giving of their time and insuring maximum value of donations goes right to the children of our community.

The level of funding is beyond the Committee's approval level and hence it is before the Board for review.

Mitch Gagos, President of the Oakdale Education Foundation's Board of Directors was present and discussed the Foundation's contribution request.

A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to contribute the sum of \$5,000 to the Oakdale Education Foundation.

ITEM NO. 12
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION
ON THE CONTRIBUTION REQUEST OF STANISLAUS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & WORKFORCE ALLIANCE

This request was reviewed by the Planning and Public Relations Committee on July 19, 2011. The Alliance has been a very beneficial force within Stanislaus County helping businesses grow by providing them with necessary information and services. By the members on their contributors list, they are well supported by those in our community who provide goods and services.

Recently the Alliance opened a small business training facility next to the Gene Bianchi Community Center. They have shown their commitment to the Oakdale business community by doing so and advocate that monies received by the OID would go to funding the SB Training Facility.

The level of funding is beyond the Committee's approval level and hence it is before the Board for review.

Director Clark recused himself from voting on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Director Alpers and was seconded by Director Webb to contribute the sum of \$6,000 to the Stanislaus Economic Development & Workforce Alliance and was voted as follows:

Ayes:	Directors Alpers, Webb
Noes:	Director Bairos
Absent:	Director Doornenbal

The motion failed.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Director Bairos, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to contribute the sum of \$5,000 to the Stanislaus Economic Development & Workforce Alliance.

ITEM NO. 13
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON
OAKDALE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE JACKET PROGRAM

This request was reviewed by the Planning and Public Relations Committee on July 19, 2011. The level of funding requested is beyond the Committee's approval level and hence it is before the Board for review.

Lee Winton, Fire Chief of the Oakdale Fire Protection Department was present to represent the Oakdale Fire Protection Department and the Oakdale Fire Department and to discuss their contribution request.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Alpers, and unanimously supported to contribute the sum of \$3,000 to the Oakdale Fire Protection Department and the Oakdale Fire Department for their life jacket program.

ITEM NO. 14
REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON
A REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF WATER CHARGES
AND SURFACE IRRIGATION WATER ABANDONMENT FEE

Mr. Smith's property is located at 4118 Highway 108. He has stated that he has not been able to receive water for the past 15 years. Water Department personnel met with this landowner a couple of times regarding this issue. The landowner was advised to apply for a Surface Irrigation Water Abandonment. The landowner took no action after the first meeting.

Mr. Greg Smith is requesting that:

1. The Surface Irrigation Water Abandonment fee of \$50 is waived.
2. The 2011 irrigation water charges (including penalties) in the amount of \$39.25 are cancelled.

A motion was made by Director Webb, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously supported to deny Mr. Greg Smith's request.

DISCUSSION
ITEM NOS. 15

ITEM NO. 15
DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE CAPITAL
PROJECTS FOR THE 2011 / 2012 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Over the course of the past three years, the Support Services Department has been replacing the deteriorating concrete pipelines in the "river bottom". To date a total 13,500 feet of river-bottom pipelines have been replaced at a cost of over three-hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).

As OID nears the completion of this project, the remaining problem areas have reduced to those sections of the Crawford, Rossini, and Richardson Pipelines. Of these three pipelines the majority of the issues are located on the Crawford Pipeline, which is an extremely old, non-reinforced, mortar jointed concrete pipe. OID records indicate these remaining pipe systems are around 70 years old.

The second phase of three for the replacement of the Crawford Pipeline was budgeted to be completed this year with the third phase of the pipeline to be replaced in the 2012 Budget.

At the direction of the Board on July 19th, a list of the 2011 fall capital projects is included for the Board's discussion. Including with the projects is a rough estimated cost to replace the remainder of the above noted pipelines.

Staff was available to answer any questions.

General Manager Steve Knell discussed the Capital Projects for the 2011 / 2012 Construction Season and a rough estimate of the cost to replace the remainder of the "river bottom" pipelines. After discussion General Manager Steve Knell stated that the "river bottom" pipeline replacement projects will be brought back to the Board as an action item on the next agenda.

ITEM NO. 16 **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Safety Activities

1. OID has gone 236 days without a lost time injury accident.

Administration Activities

1. GM and Counsel continue to meet with Trinitas.
2. Provided a New Melones, Tulloch and Goodwin tour for Resource Educator Krista Smith and Principle Kathy Jenkins from the OJUSD.
3. Met with Assemblywomen Kristin Olsen, District 25 and Fiona Ma, District 12 (S.F. Bay Area) Wednesday evening at Tulloch Dam. Ms. Ma is Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly. Our friends up the hill (TuCARE) provide OID the opportunity to meet with the Assemblywomen as part of their resource/watershed education tour.
4. Depositions still on for the ID 52 suit.
5. Farm Watch Program meeting Thursday, August 4th.

Contract and Special Project Activities

1. 2-Mile Bar Tunnel (CEQA & Engineering) – A Letter of Offer was sent to the Co-Partners of the Hodgdon Enterprises, LP for their review. The Partners will be on vacation until August 1, 2011. The Corps of Engineers have forward the Easement Application to the real estate division in Sacramento. No word on the duration or status.

Surveying for the access was completed on July 15, 2011. However, some field verification was required which was completed during the week of July 25, 2011. The topo map was completed on July 29, 2011 and provided to engineering. Engineering began on August 1, 2011 and scheduled to be completed on September 19, 2011. A status meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2011. The design will be an engineering approach to determine which side of the canal would be best suited for an access road. There are advantages and disadvantages for each. The design development will

require 4 months to complete and is tentatively scheduled to be completed around November 1, 2011.

2. Cashman Dam Rehabilitation Project – No response for TCB on letter sent July 12, 2011. No new Statements of outstanding balance were received.
3. Cross Valley Conveyance System – No Activity to report for this period.
4. Beardsley Recreational Improvements – No Activity to report this period other than the Tri-Dam GM continues discussions with the U.S. Forest Service to discuss the agreement.
5. Continued with the draft of the Project, Construction and Contracts Management procedure manual.
6. Continued with audits of billings on services contracts and drafted contracts for renewal.
7. Contract Administration activities on contracts to be renewed and/or issued, Work Releases and Change Orders for all contracts.

Construction Activities

1. District crews and equipment operators are currently working on routine maintenance, JSF's prepared by Water Department Staff, chaining District Laterals, cleaning Board approved drains and gaining back drive able access.
2. Knights Ferry Delivery System – Met with the Knights Ferry Cemetery Board on July 29th to discuss the potential pipeline alignment and subsequent easement.
3. Wills Lateral Project – Assisting John Davids with easement acquisition with Ms. Boatright.
4. 2011 Capital Projects – Prepared list of projects for discussion in today's Board meeting.
5. River Bottom Pipelines – Met with Mr. Rossini on July 22nd to discuss the replacement of the Crawford Pipeline and potential easements.
6. West Pump Pipeline – Repaired a section of the pipeline that was damaged by Burchell Nursery. Tracking number has been assigned for billing purposes.

Engineering Activities

1. Honolulu Bar Mitigation Project – OID, USFWS and FISHBIO Staff met with CVFPB on 7/27/11.
2. Rubicon (TCC) – Assisting Water Operations Department as necessary. TCC tour given to SSJID Staff on 7/19/11.
3. SBX7-7 – Approved by Office of Administrative Law. 45 day public review period forthcoming. Next phase of SBx7-7 will be the "Methodology for Quantifying of Water Use Efficiency". Preliminary meetings being set up now. Ag ID white paper delivered to DWR on 7/27/11.
4. Long Term Irrigated Lands Program – Delta Coalition meeting for July was cancelled. Next meeting set for 8/8/11. JBD attended the ESJWQC meeting on 7/25/11. Joe K. with the Regional Board was down to discuss the order in which the Regional Board was planning to write the individual orders.
5. STRGBA – Bi-weekly conference call set-up to track progress on USGS Groundwater Model being prepared.
6. Engineering Department Staff currently processing numerous CEQA Early Consultations.
7. Working with our IT/SCADA Coordinator as necessary concerning the Boundary Outflow Program.

8. Engineer applications reviewed and interviews being set-up.
9. Knights Ferry Billing Analysis has been completed and distributed to CFO for review. JBD reviewing judgment as it relates to identified acreages.
10. Union Slough Enhancement Project – MND sent to Clearing House. Public hearing to be held today and comment period to close on 8/5/11. Meeting being set with Corp to review project site and design drawings moving forward on a parallel track.
11. Meeting with Boatright set for this afternoon.
12. Environmental TM on the Frymire Lateral Orifice Plate Alternative has been finalized.
13. DRAFT Eakin Easement Agreement to Board today.
14. Riggs Townhill Pipeline Encroachment Request – Record of Survey bid received and correspondence sent to Herman Myer requesting deposit in the amount of one-half the survey costs.
15. Final Joslin/Rodden Annexation Resolutions recorded 7/11/11. Final correspondence being prepared.
16. Revising Standard Details to account for SBX7-7 and other minor changes that have been made over the last year.
17. Reviewing completed CEQA work with respect to what projects will be completed this winter.

Water Operations Activities

Ag Water

1. Continued Fringe Parcel monitoring, review and field investigation.
2. Cometa Lateral in full TCC operation. Claribel Lateral in TCC operation down to Drop 9 (upstream of Rice Road).
3. Remote operation of the first hydraulic actuator has been transferred to the TCC SCADA system. Working with Rubicon to refine operation of RVL outflow in TCC mode.
4. Conducting various landowner meetings and field review as necessary.
5. Completing Job Setup Forms and coordinating various repairs with Support Services Department as necessary.
6. Pesticide Department conducting Magnacide treatments as necessary and concentrating on post emergent and squirrel control throughout the District.
7. Preparing for annual Aquatic Pesticide sampling events as required for the 2011 Annual Report.
8. The fifth and final 10 day rotation began on the 31st of July. The next rotation will be 12 days and is scheduled to start on the 10th of August.

Water Utilities

1. Improvement District No. 41: Still waiting on a response from the City of Oakdale on the DRAFT set of construction plans. In the meantime Pumping Station No. 3 remains out of service due to high turbidity issues.
2. Domestic Pumping Stations: Staff continues to conduct weekly inspection and servicing of the domestic water pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out the ordinary.
3. OID's Rural Water System No. 1:
 - Tested the automatic operation of the stand-by electrical generators. All equipment functioned without problems.

- Relocated the water storage tank air compressor at the Hillsborough Estates No. 2 Pumping Station to a location which better accommodates routine servicing and inspection.
4. On-Call Activities:
 - Saturday, July 24th, Staff responded to a call of a broken water line in ID 46. The customer's service connection had to be located and exposed before the service could be shut off allowing the customer to perform repairs.
 5. Domestic Water Systems:
 - Received and reviewed the latest water quality testing criteria from the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources. The revised sampling schedules have been entered into OID's water sample collection program.
 - Staff has finished conducting performance testing at each pumping station.
 6. Irrigation Pumping Stations:
 - Staff continues to conduct weekly inspection and servicing of the pumping stations. There is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary to report other than the items listed below:
 - Thompson Reclamation Pump – Repaired wire theft damages.
 - Snedigar #2 Drain Pump – Installed rebuilt motor.
 - Workman #2 Reclamation Pump – Pulled flow meter and sent it in for repairs. The site remains operational.
 - Cavill #2 Reclamation Pump – The flow meter will be pulled and sent in for repairs once the current irrigation rotation has been completed.
 - Staff continues performance testing on all the irrigation pumping stations.
 7. Safety & Training Activities: As of Friday, July 29th, the WUD has gone 3958 days without a lost time injury.

Financing Activities

1. Continue to work with CH2M Hill regarding an overall rate study.
2. Reviewing financial model provided by Trinitas.
3. Budget preparation has begun.
4. Prepared remaining bonds proceeds summary.
5. Recorded revised liens on Hillsborough II landowners regarding the \$5,000 buy-in fees not yet paid.
6. Last payment received from Stanislaus Development was March 1, 2011 (6-months past due).
7. Working with the GM to prepare for meet and confer with all bargaining units.
8. Preparing to send past due accounts to counties to be added to their tax rolls. San Joaquin's submittal date is August 1st and Stanislaus' submittal date is August 15th.
Total amount
9. Submitted COP proceeds reimbursement request no. 7 in the amount \$491K.
10. Processed paper work for two claims. One claim is being submitted to the Board and the other has been returned due to insufficient information/documentation.
11. Complied documentation for discovery on the ID52 lawsuit.
12. Routine accounting functions (AP, AR, PR, billing, reconciliation, etc.)

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Public Relations Committee Meeting, July 19, 2011

- Request of Stanislaus Economic Development & Workforce Alliance for Contribution
- Request of Oakdale Education Foundation for Contribution
- Stanislaus Consolidated Fire's Request for Contribution to Life Jacket Program
- Discussion on Requirement that OID Contractors be Members of the Local Chamber of Commerce as a Means to Support Local Businesses
- Oakdale Rural Fire Department's Request for Contribution to Life Jacket Program

Director Alpers stated that all of these items were previously discussed on the Agenda with the exception of the requirement that OID contractors be members of the local Chamber of Commerce as a means to support local businesses which was rejected by the Committee.

Tri-Dam Advisory Committee Meeting, August 1, 2011

Director Clark discussed the committee meeting with the Board of Directors.

C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Director Webb

Director Webb stated that he spoke with Mr. Gulley yesterday and he asked Director Webb to tell everyone that he was able to use his pasture without sinking out of sight and he appreciated everything that Staff did to help rectify his issue with his neighbor.

Director Alpers

Director Alpers stated that he thought that the District should look at the way that it names its facilities. He stated that he felt that it would be a lot simpler if the District used letters and numbers. Secondly, he asked if the District had considered using an engineering intern from one of the state colleges. The General Manager Steve Knell stated that yes the District has considered using an engineering intern, but this year there was just too much going on.

Director Clark

Director Clark had no comments.

Director Bairos

Director Bairos had no comments.

At the hour of 10:33 a.m. the Board adjourned to Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION
ITEM NO. 17

- A. Government Code §54956.8** – Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Negotiating Party: OID and APN: 002-036-014 - Eakin
Agency Negotiators: General Manager
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms
- B. Government Code §54956.8** - Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Negotiating Parties: OID, Trinitas, LLC
Property: Water
Agency Negotiators: General Manager and Counsel
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms
- C. Government Code §54956.8** - Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Negotiating Parties: OID
Property: Potential Sites for Re-Location of District Facilities
Under Negotiations: Price and terms
- D. Government Code §54957.6** - Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Unrepresented Employee Organizations: Exempt Management, Supervisory
Exempt, Confidential Employees, and Operations Employees

At the hour of 12:24 p.m. the Board adjourned to open session

Coming out of Closed Session Vice President Frank Clark stated that by a vote of 3-0 the Board approved forwarding the Easement Agreement to Mr. and Mrs. Eakin for review and signature. Director Bairos recused himself from Closed Session Item A.

Director Bairos stated that there was no other reportable action.

OTHER ACTION
ITEM NO. 18

The Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 12:25 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting of the **Oakdale Irrigation District Board of Directors** is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 16, 2011 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, August 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** in the board room of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District, 11011 East Highway 120, Manteca, CA.

Al Bairos, Jr., President

Attest:

Steve Knell, P.E., Secretary