

Manteca, California
March 24, 2009

The Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District met in regular session in their chambers at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Upon roll call the following members were noted present:

DIRECTORS: HOLBROOK KUIL KAMPER SCHULZ ROOS

Also present were Secretary/Manager Shields, District Counsel Emrick, Telemetry Systems Supervisor Avila, Water Treatment Plant Manager Hubkey, Engineering Department Manager Bologna and Communications Coordinator Saylor.

President Kamper called the meeting to order and asked for public comment. There being none he asked the Board to consider approving the Consent Calendar items as present below:

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. SSJID Warrants of \$1,042,548.54 and wires of \$112,755.98.
- B. SSJID Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2009.

Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Kuil to approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March 2009 by the following roll call vote:

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| Ayes: | Holbrook | Kuil | Kamper | Schulz | Roos |
| Noes: | None | | | | |

Consider approving upgraded system at the Solar Farm. Avila said at the March 10 meeting the Board requested he obtain quotes for both the Solar Farm and the WTP. Avila introduced Frank Pedersen of 3-D Datacom Security Systems. Pedersen said the cost of a Thermal Imaging System at the Solar Farm would be \$181,980. The WTP Thermal Imaging System would be an additional \$416,535. He said Thermal Imaging is expensive, but there are few if any false alarms from dogs, cats, and other animals, such as those occurring with the District's current system. Thermal imaging is done with heat and you can establish parameters to eliminate by size. Also, it will work as well at night as in the day or in rain or fog. Mr. Pedersen took the Board and members of the audience outside to a bus from 3-D and gave a demo of the Thermal Imaging Systems. Kuil said he thought the price for the Solar Farm was either \$131,000 or \$152,000, not \$181,000. Pedersen said the lower prices were not Thermal Imaging Systems. Kuil asked if the Cities were okay with a purchase of this size. Shields said we would have to get approval from the Cities before purchasing this system at the Water Treatment Plant. After discussion the following action was taken. Motion by Director Kuil, seconded by Director Schulz, to table this item for further study. Motion Carried, Ayes 3, Noes 2 with Directors Holbrook and Roos.

Consider approving concrete slab and driveway for main power control station. Hubkey said they need the additional concrete slab and driveway in order to bring equipment in and out. He said the driveway specs are 16' X 32' by 4 1/2". Hubkey said we have three bids with a low of \$7,577 and a high of \$13,200. Motion by director Holbrook, seconded by Director Kuil, and unanimously carried to approve the bid of Jack Mattos Construction, Manteca at a cost of \$7,577.

President Kamper asked Hubkey to give his Manager's report.

Hubkey reported the following:

- Staff is completing special sampling requested by Department of Health Services.
- Staff will soon flush the upper intake line to the Plant.

- The Plant will shut power down today for phone lines to the solar power meters, testing the Trident switch, and for a contract to tie in the 17,000 volt power panel to the solar system.
- Staff completed annual testing for viruses; Giardiasis and Cryptosporidium. Both test showed negative results.
- California Department of Health has granted approval of our request to substitute caustic soda in lieu of using lime and CO2. We are doing this to study the effects of the lime grit on pin leaks in the fibers.

Discussion and possible action concerning a proposal that SSJID work with the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors and other local cities and agencies in the County in an effort to promote water conservation. Director Holbrook said at the monthly meeting of the San Joaquin Water Advisory Board meeting, countywide support of water conservation was discussed. The result was to try to do this countywide and use programs jointly rather than duplicating efforts. Hopefully this will save time, money and water. They asked SSJID to work with the Cities of Escalon, Manteca, Escalon, Lathrop and Tracy. Holbrook recommended Shields contact either Dr. Mel Lytle or Steve Winkler. The following action was taken. Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Roos, and unanimously carried, to approve coordinating the District's water conservation efforts with the County.

President Kamper asked for Managers' reports:

Shields reported:

- The City of Lathrop has approved and signed the agreement to sell their share of the WTP land being used for the Solar Farm.
- SJRGA meeting at Modesto Irrigation District on April 1, 2009, they are asking we send at least 3 Directors to that meeting. More information will follow.
- Received formal notice from Ron Morrow that he is retiring effective June 1, 2009. Kamper asked if we have an agreement with him to allow him to continue living at the Woodward Reservoir. Shields said we do and he intends to continue living there and being our eyes and ears.
- Relative to water, the Tri-Dam report this morning showed we have received 7.35 inches of rain at Strawberry in March. He expressed confidence that we will get close to our full allocation. However we still need to remind everyone to conserve water.
- Woodward is currently at the 203 foot elevation. By April 1st it will be at 205 and after that we will raise it to 207 feet until the geese eggs hatch.
- Received two letters from Ripon Unified School District thanking us for our donations.
- Shields asked Saylor to report on the status of the 100th Anniversary celebration.

Saylor reported:

- Have new hats recognizing the 100th anniversary.
- Have a traveling historical display with pictures, newspaper articles and other memorabilia being developed by a 100th anniversary committee for libraries and other public areas in each city.
- Will have a new anniversary logo soon.
- Are starting to build a miniature water system model.
- Handed out posters from the poster contest. Grand Prize was won by Payden Schmelebeck of Neil Hafley School.
- Public Open House will be May 27, 2009 with another special celebration at the Board Meeting on May 26, 2009 to celebrate the first board meeting the District held.

Shields reported:

- March 28th is the annual potluck lunch at the Ripon Grange.

- April 6 Thornburg will be conducting performance evaluation training for Supervisors
- Have a golf tournament for the Manteca Boys and Girls Club on May 8th looking for participants to represent the District at their own expense.
- At Tri-Dam meeting last week the fee increase by Division of Dam Safety came up. We also received a bill from them on Woodward Reservoir. Tri-Dam paid the fees under protest, which we will do unless the Board directs otherwise. We will look at the fees we paid in the past and report at the next meeting.
- California Governor Schwarzenegger accepted the Federal Stimulus Money from the Federal Government.

President Kamper asked for Directors reports:

Roos asked about financial reports from Cantella. Stein said he would get Kevin Martin to explain them and report back to the Board.

Schulz asked about people using the roads along the Main Distribution Canal. Shields said we are in the process of reviewing our options.

Kamper said starting the irrigation season when we did (March 19th) was a good move because the sampling relative to the moisture in the ground showed ground moisture dropped to dry on the 19th.

Shields said he wanted to thank both Sam Bologna and Joe Catanzarite for their efforts this winter on District construction projects. He asked that Bologna give a report.

Bologna reported:

- We spent 7 million dollars to replace 7 miles of pipe, and re-line approximately 3 miles of open canals and tunnels.
- Work went well in Bologna's opinion because we worked with farmers, Division Managers, Maintenance and Operations staff, Engineering staff, and MCR Engineering.
- In his opinion we saved well over 3 million dollars compared to prices we paid in 2007 for pipe and contractors, competitive pricing in a depressed economy, good design and quality control services provided by MCR Engineering.
- Last week we had a pre-bid meeting for the FCOC crossing project at Louise Avenue, we had approximately 20 contractors attend.
- Have a meeting set next week on the Division 9 Project.

Emrick reported the following:

- The Ripon Spill report on land transfer was handed out. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to leave the ownership of land at the spill alone.

Emrick reported relative to solar, since Don Battles is out of town at a conference:

- Final installation of the second phase was completed last week and it is producing power.
- The first phase was projected through February to produce 1.6 million kwh and to date has produced 1.5 million kwh, a difference of about 100,000 kwh. We feel by the time it has been running a year, which is the end of May, it will be close to the projections.

President Kamper called for closed session: District Counsel Emrick reported the Board will discuss three items in closed session.

- Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, initiation of litigation. Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. Two cases.
- Conference with real property negotiator. Negotiating parties SSJID and City of Stockton, Stockton East Water District and California Water Service Company.

SSJID's negotiator: General Manager and District Counsel. Under negotiation Price and Terms of Payment for sale of water.

- Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, Gov. Code, S. 54956.9.

Upon returning from closed session District Counsel Emrick stated that there was reportable action taken in closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Director Schulz, seconded by Director Roos, and unanimously carried to adjourn to April 14, 2009.

ATTEST:

John Stein, Assistant Secretary