

Manteca, California
November 11, 2008

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 KAMPER KUIL SCHULZ
ABSENT: ROOS

Also present were Secretary/Manager Shields, District Counsel Emrick, H.R. Analyst Thornburg, Engineering Department Manager Bologna, Operations Superintendent Catanzarite, Shop Supervisor Simons, Utility Systems Director Battles, and Communications Coordinator Saylor.

President Kuil 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 submitted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. SSJID Warrants of \$1,745,407.60 and payrolls of \$309,569.91.
- B. SSJID Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2008.
- C. Service Abandonment Agreement for Lidia Mora, et. al. (APN 257-270-78).

It was noted on Item "C" the property should be charged a recharge fee and that the acreage is 17.05 acres not 7.05 acres. Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Kamper, to approve the Consent Calendar items with the corrections noted above on item "C".

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of November by the following roll call vote:

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

Authorize the Communications Coordinator to reapply to Manteca Chamber of Commerce on behalf of SSJID and ensure effective participation in Chamber activities by a variety of staff. Saylor introduced Kurt Dall Chamber President and Debbie Moorhead Chamber Executive Director. Mr. Dall acknowledges there were some negative things in the past related to SSJID that happened. However, assured the Board it will not happen again in the future. The Manteca businesses want to work with the District for the community. Director Schulz asked what we get for \$2,500 annual dues. Saylor answered that we get tickets to all events, sponsorships of major events, our name and biography on the Chamber's website, an ad in the annual guide, and all the regular networking opportunities. She said we could pay the basic membership fee of \$625, but we will most likely choose to participate in many of the afore mentioned activities, and our costs would then exceed the \$2,500. Director Holbrook said the Chamber of Commerce has always supported the community and we need them to support us in getting out our story and they need our support. Director Kuil asked how many left the Chamber when we did, and how many have come back. Ms. Moorhead said 4 or 5 left and I don't think any rejoined. Director Kamper said there are those who do and those who do not support us in the Chamber, but regardless we need a voice in the Chamber. After discussion it was moved by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Kamper, to authorize Communications Coordinator Saylor to reapply on behalf of the District to the Manteca Chamber of Commerce at President's Circle Level, at a cost of \$2,500 per year. Motion Carried, Ayes 3, Noes 1, with Director Kuil voting No.

Consider approving job descriptions, salary range, and authorize filling the positions for Mechanic Technician I/II and Automotive/Equipment Mechanic. Thornburg told the Board the positions are needed and recommended approval as requested. Simons said Automotive/Equipment Mechanic will be ASE-trained and qualified. The person hired

will be able to do servicing that at this time we are unable to perform and are sending out to shops at \$90.00 per hour. After discussion it was moved by Director Schulz, seconded by Director Holbrook, and unanimously carried, to approve the job descriptions and authorize filling the positions, also approve the hourly rate for the Automotive Equipment Mechanic as recommended at \$27.23 per hour.

Consider authorizing purchase of T300 Bobcat Track Loader and 430ZHS Bobcat FastTrack. Shields said originally the Board approved a Caterpillar 939C Track Loader at \$106,197.89. However, it did not have the engine we required so we cancelled the order. To accomplish the work we needed done we looked at two Bobcats, T300 and 430ZHS, cost \$39,655 and \$51,334.52 for a total cost of \$90,989.52. Staff recommends purchasing the two units listed above. Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Kamper, and unanimously carried, to authorize staff to purchase the T300 at \$51,334.52 and 430 ZHS at \$39,655.00 from Bobcat.

Authorize General Manager to approve bid from GE for grounding equipment training at the WTP. Shields said this item was approved at the October 28, 2008 Board meeting and listed at \$6,934 when the actual amount was \$16,934. Thus we are recommending approval of \$16,934.00 and that you authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement with General Electric Corp. Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Schulz, and unanimously carried, to approve as recommended.

Approve payment of Association of California Water Agencies 2009 dues. Shields said dues for 2009 are \$16,475 plus \$1,647.50, for "Delta Sustainability Assessment, total \$18,122.50. 2007 and 2008 were \$13,315 and \$15,090 respectively. Shields recommended approval. Director Holbrook said the State is looking at water rights and part of the additional money will be used to fight for our water rights and Prop 13 funds we receive. After discussion it was moved by Director Kamper, seconded by Director Holbrook, and unanimously carried, to approve paying the \$18,122.50 as billed.

Consider contracting with Preston Pipelines to perform work replacing valve boxes for domestic water supply line. Bologna said Preston gave us a quote of \$2,244.89 per valve; three need to be replaced for a total cost of \$6,734.67. He recommends contracting with them to repair the valves. Motion by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Schulz, and unanimously carried, to approve as recommended at a total cost of \$6,734.67.

Consider accepting offer of Union Bank of California and authorize execution of necessary documents. Stein said that based on ratings of our current bank, the Finance Committee asked that we look at changing our commercial bank. Both Robin Giuntoli, Finance Manager and Stein met with and received proposals from two banks, US Bank and Union Bank of California. They were basically the same except Union Bank offered two check scanners at no cost, while US Bank wanted \$1,100 to provide one scanner. The scanner eliminates the need to go to the bank to make deposits. Giuntoli and Stein both recommend going with Union Bank of California. Motion by Director Kamper, seconded by Director Schulz, and unanimously carried, to accept the offer of Union Bank and authorize execution of necessary documents.

Discussion concerning Holiday work schedules. Shields said in the past the Board authorized additional days off during Christmas and New Years weeks. The Board also approved employee bonuses the last two years. Relative to days off it was moved by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Kamper, and unanimously carried, to give each employee the following days off, December 26, 2008 and January 2, 2009 with 8 hours pay, noting this is a one time situation and does not set a precedent. Relative to bonus', it was moved by Director Kamper, seconded by Director Schulz, and unanimously carried, to give each employee a \$500 Christmas Bonus on the first payday in December 2008, also noting this does not set a precedent.

Shields and the other employees present thanked the Board for their generosity.

Director Holbrook asked if the Board could reschedule the November 25, 2008 Board Meeting. It was moved by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Schulz, to add this

item to the agenda on the grounds that there is a need to take immediate action on this item that came up after the agenda was posted. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion it was moved by Director Holbrook, seconded by Director Schulz, and unanimously carried, to cancel the November 25, 2008 meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and to set a special meeting for November 18, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

President Kuil asked for Manager's reports:

Shields reported the following:

Asked who would be attending the Water Summit on November 20 at UOP, which SSJID is a sponsor of. Director Holbrook and Schulz said they would, the others said they would let Shields know if they were attending.

The San Joaquin County Auditor Controller sent a letter indicating the District will receive \$3,871,907 in fiscal 2008-2009. In 2007-2008 we received \$3,914,000. The reduction is due to the decrease in values of some properties purchased since 2003.

Diane Moore, of Moore Biological Consultants looked at leaks on our Main Supply Canal at our request to see if stopping the leaks will damage habitat. Ms. Moore's conclusion was that it would not.

Reported he met with Stanislaus Counties Director of Parks and Recreation and

1. Was assured that all portable toilets at the Reservoir will be removed during the winter.
2. That a gate will be put over the boat ramp and closed and locked so boats cannot enter the reservoir after normal hours.
3. County will pay 50% of the repairs of log booms.

Battles reported that all materials for the second solar project are on site and work is progressing on schedule if not ahead.

President Kuil asked for Directors reports:

Director Holbrook asked about an upcoming conference on buying and selling power in the West. He asked if someone should attend. Shields said this is something that Tri-Dam should attend, and that he would send the information to them.

Director Holbrook asked about the Department of Interior/USBR Conference in Reno. Kuil said it is in January.

Director Holbrook also wanted to know who was going to attend the Conference in Washington D.C. this year. He said he thinks a staff member should go along with one of the Directors. Kuil said he felt Holbrook was familiar with this and he should attend again.

Director Kamper asked about replacement of valves on lines the District is replacing. Bologna said that Mr. Low was satisfied with our decision. Emrick said eventually we will be required to install meters and measure water use. He feels we should be looking for ways to redesign our system to accomplish this now.

Director Kuil asked the status of Division 9 pressurized system. Bologna said we should have a report from the engineers by the December 9, 2008 meeting. Director Kuil also asked about Division Managers rotating divisions, putting it on the agenda for discussion in the future. Shields said he and Stein talked about that yesterday and he will put it on the agenda for discussion.

President Kuil called for closed session. District Counsel Emrick said we will discuss the following in closed session:

Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation, initiation of litigation, Gov. Code, S. 54956.9. Two cases.

Upon returning from closed session District Counsel Emrick reported there was no 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 Kamper, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to November 18, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

John Stein, Assistant Secretary