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MINUTES Regular Meeting

May 5, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Community Services District met for a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the District Office Conference Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Fox and who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** Directors Blair, Brooks, Fox, Redmon, and Wyckoff were present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Joe Barget, General Manager was also present.

3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

President Fox opened the Public Forum at 7:02 p.m. There was no public. President Fox closed the Public Forum at 7:03 p.m.

5. OPERATIONS REPORT

The General Manager reported the District pumped 45.9 million gallons of water in April. The average daily demand was 1.5 million gallons per day.

There was no rainfall during the month of April keeping the total at 10.6 inches since July 2008.

The field crew repaired two 1-inch polybutylene service lines and replaced one service saddle within the water distribution system.

There were power outages throughout the District in the late evening and early morning of April 16-17. The field crew used the new generator to provide backup power to Lift Station #1 for the first time and it performed flawlessly.

Cindy Allen completed 16 years of service with the District and Martin Damwyk completed a combined 34 years of service with Park Water Company and VVCSD.

To conclude his report, the General Manager said Martin Damwyk received the Water Operator of the Year award for 2009 from the California Rural Water Association at their annual conference in Lake Tahoe last week.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes of the April 7, 2009 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Disbursements through April 30, 2009

Motion by Director Wyckoff, seconded by Director Blair to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Unanimous

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Providence Landing

The General Manager discussed his report with the Directors and no recommendations were made at this time.

B. Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Motion by Director Blair, seconded by Director Wyckoff to award a contract to Insituform Technologies, Inc., Chesterfield, MO, for \$127,237.50 to reline sewer mains and manholes. Also, authorize the General Manager to sign the contract and increase the scope of work.

Unanimous

C. Flexible Spending Account

Director Redmon reported to the board the Legal/Personnel Committee's recommendation.

Motion by Director Redmon, seconded by Director Wyckoff to provide a Flexible Spending Account benefit to District employees beginning calendar year 2010 and set the limit at \$5,000 per employee with no minimum.

Unanimous

D. Proposition 50 Grant

General Manager Barget gave a Power Point presentation before the motion was made.

Motion by Director Redmon, seconded by Director Brooks to use the \$4 million Proposition 50 grant, when money is received, for the Lompoc Regional Wastewater Reclamation Plant Upgrade Project to make lump-sum payments to the city of Lompoc for the District's remaining share of the 2007 Revenue Bonds and the District's share of the first annual State Revolving Fund loan payment.

Unanimous

8. REPORTS

A. Committees

Finance/Budget Committee met on April 13 to propose rates for next fiscal year.

Legal/Personnel Committee met on April 10 and discussed items on this agenda.

Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Directors Brooks and Redmon met on April 13 and discussed the Prop 50 Grant.

B. District Representatives to External Agencies

Directors Blair, Fox and Wyckoff and General Manager Barget attended the Santa Barbara Special District Association monthly dinner meeting on April 27 in Buellton. Jeff Starva, Bond Counsel for the California Special Districts Association Finance Corporation was the guest speaker.

General Manager Barget attended the quarterly Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District meeting on April 29 in Lompoc. Stetson Engineers have just published the "31st Annual Engineering and Survey Report on Water Supply Conditions of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation".

C. Board President

President Fox thanked Cindy Allen for her work on the Flexible Spending Account information for the Legal/Personnel Committee.

D. General Manager

The General Manager reported, CH2M Hill completed the Prop 84 Regional Acceptance Process Application for the Santa Barbara County Cooperating Partners and submitted it to the

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on April 29. DWR must formally accept the District as a region before the district can compete for Prop 84 grant funds.

Brad Silva and two other accountants from Moss, Levy & Hartzheim conducted a preliminary audit of District finances on May 4-5.

Staff sent out the Prop 218 notices of proposed rate increases to customers and property owners on April 17. So far 14 written protests have been received. One angry message was emailed six times and faxed 14 times from the same customer. The General Manager met with him when he unexpectedly visited the office on April 24.

The General Manager met with Mr. Charles Eckert, the owner of the 122-unit complex, Vandenberg Garden Apartments, on April 24. Mr. Eckert is concerned about how proposed rate increases will affect his water and wastewater expenses. The District received a detailed letter from Mr. Eckert explaining issues and concerns with how the District calculates charges for his apartments.

General Manager Barget met with Bruce Buel, General Manager, and Peter Sevcik, District Engineer, from Nipomo CSD visited VVCS D on April 7 to look at the District's supervisory control and data acquisition system. They are planning to replace their system soon.

Cabrillo High School's entry placed among the top three for the 10th Annual High School Water Conservation Video Awards Contest. The awards ceremony is on May 19 in Santa Barbara. Due to a scheduling conflict Board President Fox is unable to attend. Director Brooks volunteered to take his place to present the award to Cabrillo.

9. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence

10. DIRECTORS' FORUM:

Director Redmon asked if at least one member of the field crew could be present at the next board meeting. He thanked Joe and staff for all the work done in preparation of the Legal/Personnel Committee. Director Redmon said the staff is very well organized.

Director Brooks asked if the county had completed the map work for the solar project and General Manager Barget said they had not.

Director Blair thanked General Manager Barget for emailing articles to everyone regarding various water and wastewater issues within the state.

11. ADJOURN

President Fox declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as to form,

Stephanie Vlahos
Secretary, Board of Directors

Anthony Fox
President, Board of Directors