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MINUTES Regular Meeting

June 1, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Community Services District met for a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at Buena Vista Elementary School.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Wyckoff who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Brooks, Fox, Redmon and Wyckoff were present. Director Blair arrived at 7:07 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Joe Barget, General Manager; Cynthia Allen, Office Manager; Patricia LeCavalier, Finance Administrator; and 14 members of the public.

3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

President Wyckoff opened the Public Forum at 7:05 p.m. and there were no comments from the public. President Wyckoff closed the Public Forum at 7:06 p.m.

5. OPERATIONS REPORT

General Manager Barget reported the District pumped 54.7 million gallons of water in May. The average daily demand was 1.8 million gallons per day. There was no rainfall in May so the total remains at 21.8 inches since July 2009.

The field crew replaced two 1-inch polybutylene service lines and one 1-inch service saddle.

Cor-Ray Painting Company completed the Tank 3 Rehabilitation Project last week. The field crew switched back to normal operations, using Well 3B as the primary well and using Tank 3 for aeration.

Operations & Maintenance Manager Damwyk has scheduled Procorp Enterprises to conduct a pilot study of their pellet softening process the week of June 7.

To conclude his report General Manager Barget said Tina McManigal completed 10 years of service with the District on May 30 and Patty LeCavalier will complete 7 years of service on June 7.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 30, 2010

B. Treasurers Report

1) Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

2) Approval of Disbursements through May 31, 2010

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

Unanimous

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Wastewater Rates and Charges

President Wyckoff opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Stephanie Vlahos, Board Secretary, reported that the District received 176 protest letters from Vandenberg Village property owners.

General Manager Barget gave a PowerPoint presentation on the wastewater budget and explained the proposed rate changes. He answered several questions asked by members of the public during the presentation.

Hedwig Wilkins of 4067 Polaris Avenue feels the District's 16-percent capacity share in the wastewater plant is too much for the residents of the village to pay and it should be renegotiated.

David Williams of 4020 Milky Way said two people live in his household and feels he should not subsidize the sewer cost for people residing in apartments and condominiums. He does not believe every residence should be charged the same fixed sewer charges; sewer rates should be based on and proportional to water consumption.

Sally Prentiss of 104 Oakhill Drive expressed concern about the sewer costs not being charged according to how much water is used.

Jon Picciuolo of 445 Oakhill Terrace served on VVCSD Board for six years and has felt two things were important: are rates reasonable and will developers pay their fair share. He said the rates are reasonable but feels Providence Landing should not get an exception that would equate to an \$11,000 break on connection fees.

Dan Brents of 510 Sunbeam Road expressed disapproval of the Lompoc Regional Wastewater Reclamation Plant (LRWRP) Upgrade Charge increase because of the new

development and questioned if Lompoc will be making more upgrades to the plant in a few years.

President Wyckoff closed the public hearing at 8:35 p.m.

Director Brooks said District staff put a lot of work into this item. He related to the pain that the proposed rate increase would cause to some customers but he felt the increase was necessary.

Director Redmon reported that staff had initially proposed a \$14 per month increase to the Finance/Budget Committee, Directors Redmon and Fox; however, the committee decided to recommend a smaller, \$9 increase. He feels it is important for the District to have a predictable rate structure.

Director Blair said the District's rates have been consistent and stable. The upgrade project is worth the money because it will extend the life of the plant another 30 years. In reference to the Prop 218 notices, he mentioned there were other municipalities in the area that received sufficient protests to require boards to go back and refigure their rates. Director Blair concluded by saying he is comfortable with how the staff handled the process.

Director Fox reminded everyone that a year ago the General Manager alerted us to one more significant wastewater rate increase to pay for the LRWRP Upgrade Project. While this project increased total plant capacity from 5.0 to 5.5 million gallons per day, the District's capacity share actually decreased from 17.8 to 16.2 percent. He commented that staff followed the Proposition 218 process and he accepts it.

Director Wyckoff said he was going to vote for the rate increase because it was the responsible thing to do.

Motion by Director Redmon, seconded by Director Blair to approve the FY 2010-11 wastewater rates and charges as recommended by the Finance/Budget Committee.

Unanimous

B. Tank 3 Rehabilitation Project

Motion by Director Brooks, seconded by Director Fox to increase the Capital Budget by \$18,000 to fund structural repairs to Tank 3 that were identified and accomplished during the rehabilitation project.

Unanimous

8. REPORTS

A. Committees

There were no committee meetings in the month of May.

B. District Representatives to External Agencies

Director Blair, Director Wyckoff, and General Manager Barget attended the Santa Barbara County Special Districts Association monthly meeting on May 27 in Los Alamos. Mike Brown, County Administrator, was the guest speaker.

C. Board President

President Wyckoff had nothing further to add to the meeting.

D. General Manager

The city of Lompoc has finalized the cost of the new digesters at \$4.8 million. They are still negotiating with Brown and Caldwell, and Parsons RCI, on the change order to replace undersized blowers. Three new Houston Service Industries (HSI) blowers (250 horsepower, 4,300 cubic feet per minute capacity) have been installed to replace the four Gardner Denver blowers (100 horsepower, 1,000 cubic feet per minute capacity). Start up and testing of the new HSI blowers is scheduled for June 14.

Staff will include the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in monthly bills that will be mailed in June. Sampling and testing shows the District’s drinking water continues to meet all federal and state standards.

The General Manager reported that Mike Munoz, Deputy County Counsel, recommended against an exception that would allow current development to pay the lowest, 5/8-inch, capacity charge through January 2013. The General Manager will work with counsel to try to develop other options for the Board to consider at a future meeting.

To conclude his report the General Manager asked to cancel the July board meeting unless District business arises that cannot wait until the August board meeting. The Directors were in agreement.

9. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments on the letter dated May 3, 2010 from Association of California Water Agencies.

10. DIRECTORS’ FORUM

Director Fox said he has material from the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA) conference he attended for the District library.

11. ADJOURN

President Wyckoff declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as to form,

Stephanie Vlahos
Secretary, Board of Directors

Robert Wyckoff
President, Board of Directors