

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
ESPARTO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ESPARTO, CA

REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2007

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Chairman Laurel Kieny

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT Laurel Kieny, Joseph Moreland, Mike Goodin, George Daniel, and Bill Setnik

STAFF PRESENT Ron Loudon, Anna McNamara, Jeff Mitchell (District Counsel), and Delana Brown

OTHERS PRESENT Chad Brown, Dave and Linda Herbst, Jack Huie, Ralph Trujillo, Pam Pearson and one other Public member, name unknown.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Laurel Kieny made a note of the date error, May 11, 2007, which should have been May 9, 2007, with the recommendation from District Counsel.

Chairman Laurel Kieny made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Director Bill Setnik.

Director Mike Goodin gave his concerns regarding District Counsels' comment in regards to the error being a 'harmless error.'

No further discussion.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Herbst requested a status report on; 1) Lift Stations, and Transfer Valves, 2) Sludge Removal, 3) Smoke Testing, 4) Well #4 in the future, 5) Water Audit, 6) Agreement using developer fees to front monies at Well #5, and costs, as of now, on the building project, and what the projected costs are, to complete the project.

Mr. Herbst stated he does not need any answers that tonight, but believes it will be useful information for the Board. The General Manager answered Mr. Herbst concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5.

- a) MONIES SPENT BY RON LOUDON FOR FUEL
April - \$153.10
- b) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February – 14, 2007
April – 11, 2007
April – 30, 2007
- c) APPROVAL OF CLAIMS
Fund 469-0 – 5-11-07
Fund 466-0 – 5-11-07
Fund 466-0 – 4-12-07

Chairman Laurel Kieny made a motion to approve the consent calendar and was seconded by Director Joseph Moreland.

Director Mike Goodin requested the minutes of April 11, 2007 be changed at the top of page two to say ‘being a Special Meeting, not a Regular Meeting.’

Chairman Laurel Kieny amended his motion to incorporate the change requested on the April 11, 2007 meeting, and was seconded by Director Joseph Moreland.

No further discussion.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

6. DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS ABOUT A BOARD ACTION TAKEN AT AN OCTOBER 2006 MEETING

Director Mike Goodin reviewed the agenda in question.

The Board, the District Counsel, the General Manager and the Public discuss the issues regarding the itemization of the agenda and the decisions made by the Board.

The Chairman of the Board stated the issues at hand had been discussed at several prior meetings and the Board was well aware of the changes coming.

Director Mike Goodin stated he felt there had been some wrong doing at the meeting in question.

The Chairman also asked Director Goodin if there was any action he would like to take.

Director Mike Goodin stated he would like to revisit the issue. Director Joseph Moreland stated he felt the same way.

Chairman Laurel Kieny stated it will be submitted for the next meeting.

The District Counsel gave some clarification on the matter and stated if the Board would like to revisit the Salary Schedule or the Policies or reevaluate the way the Board structures the employees, but not to undo something which was done in October.

Director Mike Goodin requested the Board go back and revisit everything that was done in open session or closed session, whether or not the Board can change anything, Mr. Goodin would like to not have this occur again in the future. And if needed the Board needs to establish some clear Policies, then yes.

The District Counsel stated he felt the concerns were coming from the General Managers Agreement with the Board and that the General Manager has the discretion to fill employee positions, which can be revisited if the Board would like.

The District Counsel recommended the Board to have an open session, prior to the closed session. Also reiterating the agenda is not itemized to have a proper closed session to discuss the matter further.

Director Mike Goodin requested the item be agendaized to cover how to not get into this situation again.

The General Manager requested from the Board to have the District Counsel review all of the agendas.

No action was taken.

7. GENERAL MANAGERS SUBMITTAL OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The General Manager reviewed the preliminary budget.

Director Mike Goodin asked if the Manager was planning on having budget workshops.

The General Manager stated, yes.

A public member asked if they would be public.

The General Manager stated, yes.

No action was taken.

8. RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WELL #5 AND THE RELATED TANK AND BOOSTER PUMP STATION AN EMERGENCY SITUATION

It was the census of the Board to continue the Resolution.

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager reported on:

- 1) Mike and Jason passed both of there sewer tests, Jason now being a grade III Water, and a grade II Sewer. Mike being a grade II Water, and a grade I Sewer. This giving both employees a step down in the salary range plan. Mike from Operator I to II and Jason Operator II to III. The General Manger stated they are both doing a great job and he was very proud of their accomplishments.
- 2) The carpet and the tiles will be put into the building on Monday and the paving next week, along with a few problems with having too many contractors on the project. Looking for a part for the panels which have everyone has been unable to find during the denier of the previous Manager.
- 3) Pole being moved to do the paving.
- 4) Director George Daniel complimented Mike Hayes response time when he had been called out.
- 5) Complimenting Mike and Jason's job with the construction of the building for the pump at Well #5.
- 6) Director Mike Goodin requested from the General Manager, as part of the Budget, if the district could determine what it can do in house as far as the infrastructure replacement, which could serve to save the district a lot of money.
- 7) The General Manager stated he will be implementing a pro-active maintenance program to be part of the 15 year plan.
- 8) Loan usage from the USDA.
- 9) Director George Daniel questioned the increase in the monthly bill. The General Manager stated it is a 45% increase for water, and a 42% increase for sewer.

Director George Daniel requested to revisit an item on the agenda in regards to the consent calendar.

All the questions were answered by the General Manager.

10. **DISTRICT INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Ledgers only.

11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1) Revisit of Board members concerns regarding actions taken in October 10, 2007 meeting.
- 2) Review of Policy 1010.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Laurel Kieny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. and was seconded by Director George Daniel.

No discussion.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0

Laurel Kieny-Chairman of the Board

Anna McNamara-Clerk to the Board
