



Indian Valley Community Services District

"Providing services for our community health, well being, and prosperity."

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Board of Directors

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Regular Meeting Minutes Board of Directors Indian Valley Community Services District

Held April 10, 2013 6:30 PM
at the

Indian Valley Community Services District
127 Crescent St., Greenville, CA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson Shelters called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board clerk, Mary Carpenter called roll. All Directors were present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Shelters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Director Little moved to amend present agenda to include Approval of minutes from the Board of Directors Special Meeting on Bio-Mass, March 25, 2013. Little also moved to amend Agenda for board members to continue present meeting to April 16 to include closed session for Public Employment: general manager. Director Yost moved to accept corrections on Agenda, Director Smith seconded, all members voted in favor

4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2013 and Special Meeting Minutes on Bio-Mass plant, March 25, 2013

A community member pointed out typos and inconsistencies in the minutes. Directors made corrections to the March 13 minutes. Director Yost moved to approve minutes with corrections and Director Yocum seconded the motion. Before it was accepted, a member of the public addressed the board regarding amount of information that was discussed during the special meeting that was not mentioned in the Special Meeting minutes. Directors Shelters and Little addressed the individual's concerns by explaining that board minutes do not repeat entire meetings or discussions verbatim during board meetings but rather to record action items from the board meeting. Following the explanation the Director Little moved to adopt the minutes from the Special Meeting of March 25, 2013. Director Yost seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

5. Public Comment

A member of the public from Crescent Mills addressed the board regarding a June 2011 meeting, which discussed Crescent Mills water. The individual stated that the audio from that meeting was “cut off” during the discussion portion of the Diversion Box 123 in Crescent Mills and the certification that it is “ground water”. The individual asked that the issue be put back on the agenda for the next board meeting, May 8, 2013.

6. Directors Reports

Director Little reported that there were four applications for General Manager position. Little also reported that the present meeting will be continued to April 16 for the closed session to choose the General Manager. After the interviews are held and a decision is made the directors will return from closed session and announce decision before moving to adjournment.

7. Committee Reports

a. Personnel

Director Smith reported that the Personnel Committee met the previous night with Interim General Manager. Discussed how employees were doing as well as part time employee Terry Schillinger being back to work at the park.

b. Finance

Director Shelters reported that while Director Little was not present, he met with Interim General Manager Lawson and went over bank statements.

c. IVASA

IVASA did not meet as it was not scheduled this month.

d. Ordinance

Director Smith reported that he and Director Little met and worked on definitions of water ordinances and worked on tying them in with sewer ordinances. Members discussed having a schedule of fees.

e. Public Relations and Planning

Director Yocum reported that committee met and discussed two complaints, which were focused on the estimation of meter readings due to snow and ice.

f. Park Committee

Director Smith reported that they met with Little League and reported that they had requested a key for the concession stand, which belongs to and is insured by IVCSA and that Little League did not want to give IVCSA a key. Due to the impasse between Little League and IVCSA, Director Little suggested running issues by the district’s attorney. Another issue was that Little League wanted to open the concession stand for Gold Diggers events.

8. Biomass Discussion-Action

Director Yost reported that there would be no action taken at this time on the Biomass plant until the Board of Directors knows more about it. Director Yost also stated that as soon as they received more information on corresponding legislation and from the Public Utility Commission on Biomass plants they would hold another public meeting. Director Shelters stated that due to these factors no action would be taken by the board “at this time”.

9. Manager/Financial Report

Interim General Manager Jesse Lawson gave updates on cost operations to the Board of Directors. Lawson also asked the Board if they wanted prior reports to see what kind of trend is occurring in the district’s financial operations. Lawson also answered questions regarding cost of certain types of water operations from board members regarding power costs at various facilities operated by the district. Lawson also answered questions from the public on the cost of running the pumps for the Greenville wells. Lawson also answered questions concerning the tree removal at the pool in Taylorsville. Lawson explained he was researching the tree removal with regard to “time and material” cost versus the cost of having a contractor bid that would be much higher and any legal ramifications involved.

10. Utility Operations Report

a. Greenville Water

Lawson directed the board’s attention to charts regarding “ebb and flow” of Round Valley Lake, which was shown to be higher on average than previous years. Lawson also answered questions on whether or not the lake would reach capacity, indicating it would not this year due to low snow pack. Lawson stated that the reason for documenting the water levels and reserve was for future water sales. Lawson also stated he had not received any results from dam survey at the time of the meeting. Lawson also explained the difference concerning this month’s meter reads as opposed to the previous three months, which were estimated readings due to snow and ice. Water accountability was brought to balance at the end of March and all meters were read. Lawson also isolated approximately 70%, or about 4.9 million gallons of water loss in a 900 foot section near 349 Hideaway Road. Lawson stated they had already ordered the pipe replacement and hoped to have it in before next meeting time. Lawson also indicated that this was a huge find and would bring water accountability to approximately 70% to 80% and reduce losses and costs considerably.

b. Crescent Mills Water

Lawson reported on production and sales of water in Crescent Mills and that it was in “good shape” as far as losses were concerned. Lawson also answered questions from a member of the public regarding watercourse direction of excess water that empties into Indian Creek.

c. Greenville Sanitation

Lawson reported that the new pump had been installed and that he had a late night when power went out in Greenville and the transfer switch in Greenville failed. Lawson reported that, at present, it was still not known what caused the power failure. Shelters asked for clarification of an underground utilities grant. Lawson Caltrans was hiring an engineer to see what the system needed. Director Little

also offered that the grant was for “seeing what the sewer needed”. Lawson also reported that he would be attending a conference concerning what the sewer would need and by effectively evaluating the sewer system.

d. Taylorsville Sanitation

As far as Taylorsville flows were concerned, Taylorsville was stable. Lawson also noted that he was working on charts to reflect the health and operational status of the sewer systems.

10. Fire Report

Greenville Fire Chief Jim Hamblin reported that operation of the fire department and that communication was good and professional during the time he was gone on vacation. Hamblin also reported that they would be working with Crescent Mills Fire Department as far as training and equipment. Hamblin also reported that, by next month, all the Indian Valley Firefighters would be certified firefighters and that soon all training would be conducted outside due to increasingly better weather conditions. Hamblin stated that the annual Pioneer days firefighter biscuits and gravy fundraiser was underway in planning. Hamblin informed the board that he would be attending the Fire Safe Council and part of the discussion would include the Cal Fire rural fire fee. Hamblin reported that two agencies have investigated the Depot fire and that, until they had reached a determination, he could not talk about it. Hamblin reported that at the same time of the Depot burning there was a drowning at Indian Falls. Hamblin also answered questions by a member of the public regarding billing the insurance companies of out-of-state individuals who practice “unsafe behavior” at the cost of the fire district. Director Little asked Chief Hamblin if it was possible to get an accounting of where money that is billed, by the fire district, to individuals who are not in the district yet require emergency services, and where it is spent. Hamblin replied that he would get that and present to the board at the next meeting. Another member of the public asked if there would be financial restitution of the burned depot, to which Lawson replied that it was not insured inside or outside and the district would not be compensated. Lawson also directed the board’s attention to a list of building/properties that were and were not insured by the district at the present time.

11. New/Old Business

No new or old business was addressed and there was no action taken. Director Little moved to continue the meeting until Tuesday, April 16, when the board would go into closed session as it conducted interviews for District General Manager position. Little also stated the board would return to open session to take action on hiring a new general manager.

12. Return from Closed Session on April 17, 2013

The Indian Valley Community Services District continued its April 10 meeting to April 16 at 9 a.m., when we went into closed session: Public Employment, general manager. We continued that meeting to April 17 at 10 a.m., when we came out of closed session and voted unanimously to hire Jesse Lawson as the district's general manager.

13. Adjournment

The Indian Valley Community Services District Board of Directors voted unanimously to adjourn the closed session meeting at 10:15 a.m. on April 17, 2013