

VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2015

A regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held at the District offices, 45-500 Van Buren Street, Indio, California, on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

1. SECRETARY/TREASURER WISEMAN called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Merritt Wiseman, William Teague, and Mike Duran

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Douglas A. York

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Glowitz, General Manager, Holly Gould, and John Cauzza

GUESTS: None

MINUTES

2. Consideration of the September 22, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held September 22, 2015. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 3 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2015-2438

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments or correspondence items to present to the Board.

EMPLOYEE PRESENTATION

3. Presentation of Employee Anniversary Pins
- Holly Gould – 6 years
 - Peter Sustaita – 2 years
 - John Cauzza – 1 year

The Board of Directors presented Holly and John with their anniversary pins and thanked them for their contribution and years of service to the District. Peter Sustaita was absent and will receive his pin at the next meeting.

NON-HEARING ITEMS

4. Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring System Replacement

The aeration system for the activated sludge plant is controlled by a Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring System (DOMS). The system controls the amount of air being supplied to the aeration tanks by increasing or decreasing the speed of the blowers. This function helps minimize the annual cost of electricity. The current DOMS was installed during the 2006-2008 plant expansion. The system has reached its life expectancy and is due for replacement.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

DIRECTOR DURAN made a motion to authorize the purchase of the Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring System from Ponton Industries for a total cost of \$24,500.16. DIRECTOR TEAGUE seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Director(s) Wiseman, Teague, Duran
NOES: None
ABSENT: York
ABSTAIN: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2015-2439

5. Emergency Sewer Main Repairs on Jasmine Lane

Staff contacted Borden Excavating, the District's emergency repair contractor, on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 to schedule the repair for a sink hole that was forming near a VSD clean-out on Jasmine Lane north of Hibiscus Lane. Staff worked with the City of Indio on coordinating the repair work. During excavation it was determined that the sink hole was caused by a lack of compaction around the clean-out. A cap was missing on the dead main and this was corrected during the same repair work. Work was completed on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

DIRECTOR DURAN made a motion to authorize the General Manager to approve and pay Borden Excavating, Inc. a total of \$7,767.00 for emergency sewer main repairs on Jasmine Lane. DIRECTOR TEAGUE seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Director(s) Wiseman, Teague, Duran
NOES: None
ABSENT: York
ABSTAIN: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2015-2440

6. Emergency Sewer Main Repairs on Requa Avenue and Oasis Street

Staff contacted Borden Excavating, the District's emergency repair contractor, on Thursday, September 17, 2015 to schedule the repair for a sewer main break that had caused an extensive void. Staff worked with the City of Indio on coordinating the repair work and the repair was completed on Friday, September 18, 2015.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to authorize the General Manager to approve and pay Borden Excavating, Inc. a total of \$14,224.24 for emergency sewer main repairs on Requa Avenue and Oasis Street. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Director(s) Wiseman, Teague, Duran
NOES: None
ABSENT: York
ABSTAIN: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2015-2441

7. Award Construction Contract to Demo Unlimited, Inc. to Remove, Demolish and Dispose of the Old Trickling Filter, Secondary Clarifiers and Related Facilities

This project consists of demolishing and removing the abandoned concrete trickling filter and secondary clarifiers. These items are no longer needed and take up needed space for future operations and/or solar facilities. All materials will be taken to an authorized disposal site. Staff solicited bids from four contractors to perform the above referenced work. Staff requested the two apparent low bidders, Young's Land Clearing and Demo Unlimited to provide three project references with project description and cost information. Demo Unlimited complied with the request; however, Young's Land Clearing was noncompliant. Young's Land Clearing is deemed not responsive or responsible for this bid. Therefore, Demo Unlimited has provided the lowest, responsible bid at a total cost of \$104,314.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: DIRECTOR DURAN made a motion to award a contract to Demo Unlimited, Inc. to remove, demolish and dispose of the old trickling filter, secondary clarifiers and related facilities, and authorize the General Manager to execute a construction contract not to exceed \$114,745. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Director(s) Wiseman, Teague, Duran
NOES: None
ABSENT: York
ABSTAIN: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2015-2442

8. Filling Vacancy on Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors

A vacancy on the Valley Sanitary District ("VSD") Board of Directors has been created by the passing of Richard "Dick" Friestad. Pursuant to Government Code §1780, a vacancy in any elective office on the governing board of a special district shall be filled by the remaining members of the district board either by

appointment or by calling a special election. It is recommended that the VSD Board of Directors decide which of the two options will be pursued. DIRECTOR TEAGUE stated that an appointment would be the most logical move.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to fill the vacancy on the Valley Sanitary Districts Board of Directors by appointment. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Director(s) Wiseman, Teague, Duran
NOES: None
ABSENT: York
ABSTAIN: None

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2015-2443

9. Consideration of Resolution No. 2015-1078 Honoring Richard “Dick” Friestad

“A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT HONORING RICHARD “DICK” FRIESTAD”

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: DIRECTOR TEAGUE, with great pride and humbleness, made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-1078 honoring Richard “Dick” Friestad. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Director(s) Wiseman, Teague, Duran
NOES: None
ABSENT: York
ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1078

10. Manager’s Notes

MR. GLOWTIZ reported that the District received a 90 day notice from Bank of America stating that due to the Basel III Compliance Law, it is no longer beneficial for them to maintain our accounts. Staff is currently speaking to a couple financial institutions that can accommodate our banking needs. He also stated that the District is getting ready to move forward with the Requa, Solar and Front Wall Projects.

DIRECTOR’S ITEMS

Director’s items not listed are for discussion only; no action will be taken without an urgency vote pursuant to State law.

DIRECTOR DURAN requested MR. GLOWTIZ to look into districts of similar scope and size as VSD and to check what the average director’s fees are.

CONSENT ITEMS

11. Approval of Expenditures for September 17, 2015 to October 7, 2015

Check numbers 33004 to 33067 totaling \$94,735.04 and a transfer of \$2,524.26 were issued. Payroll check numbers 8957 to 8961 totaling \$5,669.22 and payroll transfers of \$78,563.83 were also issued.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

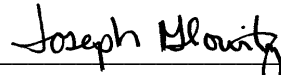
DIRECTOR WISEMAN made a motion to pay the disbursement items as presented.
DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following
vote: 3 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2015-2444

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m., and the next Regular Board Meeting will be held October 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Glowitz, General Manager
Valley Sanitary District