

VIRGIN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VIRGIN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT OFFICE
FEBRUARY 19, 2008

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting of the Virgin Valley Water District Board held on February 19, 2008, at the Virgin Valley Water District Office at 3:00 p.m. Attending were President John Paul, Secretary-Treasurer Cecil Leavitt and Board Members Ted Miller and Robert (Bubba) Smith. Board Member Kenyon Leavitt and General Manager Michael Winters were not present. Also present were Michael (Boomer) Johnson Chief Hydrologist and Mary Johnson taking minutes and other interested parties of agenda items.

President John Paul called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
Bubba Smith offered a Prayer and Ted Miller led the pledge.
Public Comment – There was no public comment at this time.

Discussion: Board Comments - None
President of Board Comments - None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Cecil Leavitt made a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed below. Ted Miller seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried. 4-0

1. Approve Agenda
2. Discussion & Action – Approve of Minutes from **02/5/08 Regular Board Meeting**
3. Discussion & Action – Approve Bills Paid - **\$130,218.92**

**** End of Consent Agenda****

4. Discussion & Possible Action – Consideration to Allow the City of Mesquite to Construct a 30 Foot Radio Tower at the Scenic Tank Site and to Utilize District Facilities for Radio Equipment

The City of Mesquite has requested to be allowed to initially construct a 30' to 50' tower and eventually anticipated the tower construction not to exceed 160' at the District's Scenic Tank Site for radio communications for the police, fire and ambulance services within the City of Mesquite. Mike informed City representative and Fire Chief, Derek Hughes, that with the District constructing the arsenic treatment plant at this site there could be some difficulty with the site until the District's construction was completed. The District and the City would enter into an agreement on a mutually agreed upon site and items regarding the operation, maintenance, necessary permits, etc.

Cecil Leavitt made a motion to allow the City of Mesquite to construct a 30' to 160' radio tower at the Scenic Tank Site and to allow the City to utilize District facilities for radio equipment after an agreement has been drawn up and approved by both parties. Bubba Smith seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried. 4-0

5. Discussion & Possible Action – Consideration to Purchase Approximately One (1) Acre of Property from Hardy Way Properties for the Construction of an Arsenic Treatment Plant

As directed by the board to look for an alternative site for the arsenic treatment of wells 26 and 27, Mike sent a letter to Hardy Way Properties with the offer to purchase said property for the appraised price of \$8.25 per square foot or \$424,056.60. Michael Johnson informed the board that the ACOE would pay 70% of the land purchase. Ted Miller stated that he had no problem with the land, but questioned whether we were legally following the laws in the purchase of the land. Bubba questioned why other property owners were not approached to sell their property. Mike Chandler, representing Bowen & Collins stated that from an Engineer's standpoint that this site was cleaner for hydrological and accessibility reasons and didn't think that the District should go much higher in elevation because of hydrological problems. Mike further stated that wells 26 and 27 come together on Hardy Way making it much easier to tie into the arsenic treatment plant from this site. There was further discussion regarding time and Bubba stated that he would like to speak with other property owners.

Ted Miller made a motion to table this item until the March 4th regular meeting, directed staff to look into other properties in that area and to have the District's attorney make sure that the District is purchasing the land legally according to NRS. Bubba Smith seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried. 4-0

6. General Manager's Report

Mike had included a written report, but was not present because he is on vacation. Michael Johnson highlighted Mike's written report stating that Mr. Ted Lee seems very comfortable with the agreement George has drafted and that the agreement should be ready by the March 4th meeting. The SNWA will be at the District for a presentation of the Virgin River and that more information would follow. The NWRA annual conference would be held at the Casa Blanca March 4th – 6th. The Corrosion Control Project is going very well and should be completed very shortly.

Mike Chandler reviewed the monthly project report no. 3 regarding the arsenic treatment facilities.

7. Hydrologist's Report

Michael had not included a written report. He informed the board that he had attended the water rights hearings in Carson City regarding the SNWA developing water from the Dry, Delamar and Cave Valleys. Boomer also stated that he has filed a document to amend the ROW grant with

the BLM for the radio tower at the White Rock site. Michael has been reviewing water rights information on Tule Desert submitted by Lincoln County Water District and Vidler Water. Michael will be addressing water rights issues and submitting documentation to the Nevada State Engineer's office on potential effects in the Virgin River Basin.

8. Engineer's Report

Erik was not present but had included a written report informing the board that the 24 Inch Ductile Iron Pipe Corrosion Control Project was moving along well and would be completed on time and that there have been no problems to date. Erik further stated that they are talking about modifying the test stations since there has been some concern of potential vandalism. Erik has submitted a revised drawing to the contractor that places the test stations underground in a water meter box with a lid flush with the ground. He has not heard a response from the contractor, so we don't know if these installations can be put in at the same cost. Erik has also been in contact with the Lincoln County Road Department and they have requested a copy of the pipeline plans for their records so they will know what utilities are in the ROW when they take over the maintenance of the road with the 24" pipe along Mesquite Heights Road on the Lincoln County side. The Nevada Division of Water Resources has requested a couple of clarifications and additions to the Water Conservation Plan and he is working on that.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

10. Adjournment

President John Paul adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

(NOTE): The minutes of this meeting have been tape-recorded and will remain on file in the District office for a one-year period for public examination.