

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Robert Butler called the regular meeting to order, at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Stanley Rouhe, James Barrett, Robert Butler and Shirley Palmer.

Absent: David Urbanoski. A quorum was verified.

3. CLOSED SESSION ISSUES: N/A

4. OPEN SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

5. REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY: N/A

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE the pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

7. PUBLIC APPEARANCES: There were no public appearances.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. Ms. Sherrie Nuyen, Desert Shores resident stated "reading on the website that the Grand Jury is investigating the district. In December a board member had written a letter stating that he was going to file a complaint with the Grand Jury. She asked if this has happened?
President Butler responded that he was not at liberty to discuss anything regarding the grand jury.
- b. Shirley Palmer thanked everyone that participated in the shoreline fish cleanup.
- c. Ms. Sherrie Smotherman stated that it is very important that every person here has emergency information in case of an emergency.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of February 20, 2007.
- b. Approval of Best, Best & Krieger's invoice in the amount of \$981.00 through February 28, 2007.
- c. Current Demands for the month of February 2007.
- d. Approval of the minutes of the safety meeting of April 12, 2007

Approved the consent calendar with the exception of item a: minutes of the February meeting pulled by Director James Barrett, on motion made by Director Shirley Palmer, seconded by Director Barrett.
All in favor. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Shirley Palmer, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe to approve the minutes with the correction of deleting: "This is an on call position, with the sergeant-at-arms taking orders directly from the president of the board." All in favor. The motion carried

10. REPORTS:

- a. Finance Officer- Financial reports are posted on the bulletin board for anyone to review and a copy is provided in the directors' packets.
- b. General Manager, Thomas Cannell, read the report; a copy is attached to the minutes. Additionally he reported that Imperial County has stopped issuing building permits until the new sewer plant is in place. Mr. Jon Rokke will be here on Thursday morning to tour the district. Earlier today, he's indicated that we do not need to wait for the WQCB's April meeting, that once staff was satisfied with the groundwater analysis and bids were put out, that construction could start. Our engineer, Mr. Rod Crampton was also advised of this.
They will contact the Imperial County Building Department to set up the permit process. We have sent, via FedEx the application to IID for power. Everything is coming into place. Also, under emergency situation, we have an additional pond that could be used.

NOTE: General manager reported that due to the ponds being at capacity a moratorium has been place on all new building construction permits.

Director Barrett suggested that perhaps we could transfer the wastewater with the sewer jet to the Desert ponds.

- c. Fire Department, Rosa Reagles read the report; a copy is attached to the minutes. An addendum to the report:
1) Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. a board study session will be held with Mr. Jurg Huberger as the

guest speaker. He will discuss the process required by law in becoming a city.

2) Ms. Jeannie Hawn has successfully passed the six months probationary period and was given a merit increase.

3) Desert Shores Park is being used by the High School softball team, for practice.

Director Barrett asked the following:

1) "over \$240,000.00 fire department developer impact fees was collected, so far \$33,500.00 has been refunded out of the fire department fees; leaving approximately \$206,500.00 left to refund, yet the balance in the fire Department LAIF account is only \$90,344.00; where is the remaining \$116,156.00 of the fire department funds?"

Rosa Reagles, fire department administrator asked Director Barrett to please see her the following day.

2) When did the board amend the fire department contract in regards to boundaries relating to the Ocotillo Wells State Park area?

Rosa Reagles explained that this is being done through Chief Nippins, Imperial County Fire Chief. He's drafting a Mutual Aid agreement between the County Fire Department and Ocotillo Wells Fire Department.

11. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

- a. Architectural Committee- Herschel Silverstone, Chairman gave the report.
- b. Golf Course – Howard Smotherman, member of the golf club committee gave the report.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Approve Ordinance 2007-1-1 "an Ordinance of the Salton Community Services District Board of Directors adopting the 2001 edition of the California Fire Codes to include all amendments as adopted by the County of Imperial as described in Imperial County Ordinance 8.20.010."

A motion was made by Director James Barrett to table this into the April meeting so we adhere to the 30 notice since there were only 28 days in February. The motion was seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe.

After discussion the motion and second were withdrawn.

A new motion to waive the second reading was made by President Robert Butler and seconded by Director Shirley Palmer. All in favor. The motion carried.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approve beginning the process of a sewer user fee increase, in accordance with Proposition 218 the amount of the increase, as recommended by the general manager.

NOTE: Director Barrett asked if the new business agenda is listed in the order it was received?
President Butler responded that the new business agenda is listed in the order he signed it.

A motion was made by Director Shirley Palmer and seconded by James Barrett for purpose of discussion.
Motion and second were withdrawn.

A new motion by Director Shirley Palmer and seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe to start the process for increasing the sewer rates \$5.00 per month and an increase for consumer price Index report on an annual basis. Motion carried 3-1 on a roll vote, with Director James Barrett abstaining.

Director James Barrett reported that we need to show calculations of how much our fees are; showing just an increase is not sufficient. We need to show how much it costs to run the department, divided by how assessed lots are connected, that would give us the needed amount. We are required to charge a fee sufficient to provide the service.

- b. Approve motion 2007-3-1 approve setting up a record book for the district of all capital assets.
Director Shirley Palmer stated that every year a paragraph is included in the audit by Mr. George Woo district auditor, stating that he is unable to examine supporting documentation for capital assets, because such records are not maintained by the district.

A motion was made by Director Shirley Palmer to approve the setting up of a record book for capital assets along with the supporting documentation of value. This will include pictures when possible. This information should be reviewed annually before the audit. If for some reason the value of an asset is not known, then the

general manager or assistant general manager will research of like kind and find the value, the motion was seconded by President Robert Butler. Motion carried 4 -0 on a roll call vote.

- c. Approve the cost for board members to attend California Special District Association strategic Planning Seminar on May 9, 2007 in Los Angeles, CA
A motion was made by Director Shirley Palmer and seconded by Director James Barrett to approve the costs for board members to attend California Special District Association Strategic Planning Seminar on May 9, 2007 in Los Angeles. Motion carried on a 4 -0 roll call vote.
- d. Approve Resolution 2007-3-1 entitled "a resolution of the Salton Community Services District Board of Directors requesting Imperial County to assist in funding a swimming pool for the community of Desert Shores."
A motion was made by President Robert Butler and seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe to approve Resolution 2007-3-1. President Butler read the resolution in its entirety.
Following discussion, the resolution was modified to read:
1) 60,000.00 to \$75,000.00 to \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00;
2) and be it resolved that DSIA will formulate a request letter with supporting documentation to present to the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, the letter will be previously approved by the general manager, assistant general manager". Motion carried on a 3-1 vote with Director James Barrett abstaining.

A copy of the resolution will be sent to Denise Ducheny and Bonnie Garcia office for support.
- e. Approve Resolution 2007-3-2 entitled "a resolution of the Salton Community Services District Board of Directors instructing legal counsel to deliver a demand letter to the County of Imperial to return all fire mitigation fees collected from within the district boundaries." Director Barrett read the resolution in its entirety. A motion was made by Director James Barrett to approve resolution 2007-3-2. The motion died for lack of a second.
- f. Approve Resolution 2007-3-3 entitled "a resolution of the Salton Community Services District Board of Directors allocating grant monies for a public swimming pool in the community of Desert Shores." Director Barrett read the resolution in its entirety. A motion was made by Director James Barrett to approve resolution 2007-3-3. The motion died for lack of a second.
- g. Approve Ordinance 2007-3-1 entitled "an ordinance of the Salton Community Services District adopting trash regulations." Director Barrett read the ordinance in its entirety. A motion was made by Director James Barrett to approve Ordinance 2007-3-1. The motion died for lack of a second.

14. ADJOURNMENT: 9:07 p.m.

At 9:07 p.m., Robert Butler, President, adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

Rosa Reagles,
Assistant General Manager &
Secretary to the Board of Directors

Robert Butler,
President of the Board