

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Robert Butler called the regular meeting to order, at 6:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Directors present: James Barrett, Robert Butler & Shirley Palmer. A quorum was verified. Stanley Rouhe arrived at 6:39 p.m. Mr. Robert Patterson, district general counsel also attended.
3. **CLOSED SESSION ISSUES:** Convened into closed session at 6:32 p.m.
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation, Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 Guzman, et. Al., v Salton Community Services District, et. al, Imperial Superior Court Case No. ECV03780
4. **OPEN SESSION:** Reconvened into open session at 7:00 p.m.
5. **REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY:**
President Butler reported that the board met with the attorney for an update on the Guzman claim.
6. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.
7. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/PRESENTATIONS:** N/A
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a. Mr. Herschel Silverstone, Desert Shores resident, gave his condolences to both: David Urbanoski's family and Rosa Reagles, for the death of her father. Mr. Silverstone then asked to speak about the State of California Plan for the Salton Sea.
 - b. Mrs. Sherrie Nuyen, Desert Shores resident, asked about the status of the website.
 - c. Ms. Shirley Palmer solicited donations for the fire s.c.s.d. department's toy drive; Santa will visit both fire stations on Christmas Eve from 12:00 noon thru 2:00 p.m.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 20, 2007.
- b. Approval of Best, Best & Krieger's invoice in the amount of \$ 678.90 through November, 2007.
- c. Current Demands for the month of November, 2007.
- d. Approval of the minutes of the safety meeting of December, 2007
Approved the consent calendar on a motion made by Director Shirley Palmer, seconded by Director James Barrett. 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' packet.
- b. General Manager, Thomas Cannell read the report; a copy is attached to the minutes.
- c. Fire Department, Rosa Reagles, read the report; a copy is attached to the minutes.

11. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

- a. Architectural Committee-There is no active committee at this time.
- b. Howard Smotherman- Golf Club chairman reported the following:
The golf course is looking good. The water bill for the month of November was \$525.00 and will be less for the month of December.
The nature trail received a \$2,000.00 donation from a local organization and \$3,500.00 from the district. \$1,183.00 of that money has been spent for: ½ for irrigation and ½ for the shade area at the dry camp.
Mr. Smotherman then stated that he and Sherri have stepped down as Chairman and Secretary of the nature trail committee, in the interim, Ms. Rachel Branch will serve as chair and Ms. Charlene Ness as Secretary.
Mr. Smotherman was thanked by all for the work and time he dedicated towards the nature trail, this past year.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Approve membership with CSDA & purchase \$10,000.00 death benefit for fire fighters.
Director Palmer dropped the item from the agenda.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approve procedure to fill the seat on the board vacated by Director Urbanoski's resignation.
A motion was made by Director James Barrett, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe for purpose of discussion. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Shirley Palmer, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe that the board fill the seat by appointment and to appoint the candidate with the next highest number of votes from the recent election. And, in case of a tie vote, to draw a name out of the hat.
The motion carried on a 4-0 roll call vote.

NOTE: The appointment to the board will be made on Friday, December 21, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. at a special called meeting.

- b. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the engineering services proposal for the Salton City WWTP increase the cost an additional \$133,000.00. Mr. Rod Stewart requested the increase of money due to the additional engineering studies required by EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers. The studies are being performed for the ditches and washes crossing the easements.
A motion was made by Director James Barrett, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, approving amendment No. 1 to the engineering services proposal for Salton City Wastewater Treatment Plant; an increase of \$133,000.00. The motion carried on a 4-0 roll call vote.
- c. Authorize manager to sign easement agreement with IID & Holly Corporation.
A motion was made by Director James Barrett, to drop this item from the agenda. The general manager was granted authorization at a previous meeting.
- d. Approve starting procedure to contact agencies and receive proposals to place a ballot measure on the November election for funding paid positions on the Fire Department.
A motion was made by Director James Barrett, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, authorizing receiving a fire master plan proposal. All in favor. The motion carried.
- e. Approve cooperative agreement with Cal/Works for Salton Community Services District to provide a training worksite. The secretary reported that this Cal/Works program provides a service to the area residents with absolutely no cost to the district.
A motion was made by Director Shirley Palmer, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe approving the cooperative agreement with Cal/Work for Salton Community Services District to provide a training worksite. All in favor. The motion carried.
- f. Appoint members to the architectural committee; and accept same.
The following appointments were made by the Directors:
Shirley Palmer: Linda Lockhart, Stanley Rouhe: John Winter, Robert Butler: Ron Allen. No appoint was made by Director Barrett. One seat remains open due to the vacancy on the board.
- g. Approve expenditures of \$8,990.00 to replace concrete deck at the swimming pool and to use grant monies.
A motion was made by Director James Barrett, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe approving the expenditure. After discussion, a new motion was made by Director James Barrett, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe postponing this item until next month. All in favor. The motion carried.
Directed the general manager to bring back a new proposal including extending the deck an additional two feet on all sides and the cost of installing a new fence.
- h. Approve expenditure to replace/purchase a new backhoe for sewer maintenance department.
A motion was made by Director Stanley Rouhe, seconded by Director James Barrett to approve the expenditure to replace/purchase a new backhoe. All in favor. The motion carried.
The general manager reported receiving a check in the amount of \$70,000.00 from the insurance company, which settles the case of the stolen backhoe. We have located a new one for \$87,000.00; which would include payment from: \$6,500 trade-in, for a 1976 Case Loader, \$10,000.00 from the sewer maintenance reserve account, and the rest of the money would be from the insurance company settlement.

- i. Approve NTCH-CA Inc. wireless tower lease transfer to SBA Towers II LLC.
A motion was made by Director James Barrett, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe authorizing Mr. Robert Patters, District General Counsel and the general manager to negotiate, finalize and execute the transfer of the lease with SBA representatives, appropriately. All in favor. The motion carried.
- j. Discussion/possible action wireless Capital Partners, LLC proposals.
A motion was made by Director James Barrett, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, for purpose of discussion. After discussion, this item was dropped from the agenda. The proposal as submitted, was not beneficial to the district.
- k. Approve declaring no work days for December 24, 31, 2007.
A motion was made by Director Shirley Palmer, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, approving declaring Monday, December 24 and 31st no work days with pay for the district. The motion carried on a 3 -1 roll call vote, with Director James Barrett abstaining.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:50 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