

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Board President Shirley Palmer at 6:07 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Directors present: James Barrett, Robert Butler, Shirley Palmer, Stanley Rouhe and Jerry Medders. A quorum was verified. Mr. Robert Patterson, District General Counsel also attended.
3. **CLOSED SESSION ISSUES:**
 - a. Public Employee performance evaluations titles: general manager & assistant general manager & board secretary.
 - b. Conference with Legal Counsels, anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) one case.

Director James Barrett disclosed that he has a financial interest on item b, and recused himself from attending closed session. He distributed a copy of government code section 54957.1 relating to disclosure requirements of the claim of action taken in closed session.

4. **OPEN SESSION:** 7:00 p.m.
5. **REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY:** President announced the following:
 - a. Public Employee performance evaluations titles: general manager, assistant general manager & board secretary. Two employees were evaluated.
 - b. Conference with Legal Counsels, anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) one case. The claim was denied by the Board.
A claim was submitted by Director James Barrett against the district claiming that 2/3rd majority vote of the board is required by law to pass a sewer user fee increase; last year's increase \$180.00 to \$240.00 was illegal.
6. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited and led by Ms Rosa Reagles.
7. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/PRESENTATIONS:**
 - a. Presentation by Ms. Michelle Merino, administrative analyst, county of Imperial regarding the future of the West Shores Dial-A-Ride. Public comments were taken on to improve the service of the Dial-a-Ride.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - a. Mr. Everett English, Editor Seafarer Newspaper, distributed a letter against Director James Barrett claiming cyber squatting of "saltonseafarer.com" websit.
 - b. Dr. Jerry Medders, West Shores High School, English Teacher, thanked Mr. Tom Cannell for his generous monetary donation and presented him with a photograph of the graduation class of 2008.
 - c. Ms. Sherrie Smotherman announced the 25th anniversary of the West Shores Ambulance Services. An ice-cream social fundraiser is being held at the Dome.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2008.
- b. Approval of Best, Best & Krieger's invoice in the amount of \$ 9,596.62 through April, 2008
- c. Current Demands for the month of March, 2008.
- d. Approval of the minutes of the safety meeting of April, 2008
Director James Barrett announced \$9,596.62 the amount of Best, Best & Krieger's invoice, not indicated on the agenda.
Approved the consent calendar on a motion made by Director Robert Butler, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, with the exception of item (a) pulled by Director James Barrett. All in favor. The motion carried.

Approved item a; minutes of the regular meeting of March 18, 2008, as amended "standby fee" instead of "sewer assessment" on motion made by Robert Butler, 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. He also, reported that he's going to ask the Salton Sea Soccer Association to have their attorneys prepare a lease agreement for the board' to approve.
- c. Fire Department, Rosa Reagles, read the report; a copy is attached to the minutes. Ms Reagles solicited donations for the 5th of July Fire Works celebration. Also, reported that USDA has reviewed the application and indicated a situation with the 1987 truck. The truck being over 20 years old, could perhaps not be eligible for USDA funds.

11. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

- a. Architectural Committee-Ms. Linda Lockhart reported that the committee met and approved site plan.
- b. Golf Course- Mr. Smotherman reported that the golf course is doing good .
Nature Trail—Mr. Don Stephen, President, reported that the committee was able to secure a bank account with First National Canyon Bank. A timer has been installed to help with the irrigation. Their next meeting will be on May 11, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Revise job description for maintenance worker
A motion was made by Director James Barrett, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, to postpone this item until next month. All in favor. The motion carried.
- b. Approve Ordinance 2008-1 entitled "an ordinance of the Board of Directors of the Salton Community Services District regarding claims against the Salton Community Services District."
A motion was made by Director Robert Butler, seconded by Director Jerry Medders, to waive the second reading and approve the ordinance. The motion carried on a 4 -1 vote, with Director James Barrett voting no.

NOTE: Ordinance 2008-1 will take effect in 30 days.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Authorize membership to the Southern Low Desert, Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) in the amount of \$500.00 & appoint Shirley Palmer, President, as the district's representative.
A motion was made by Director Stanley Rouhe, seconded by Director Robert Butler, approving membership to the Southern Low Desert, Resource Conservation & Development Council and, authorizing Shirley Palmer, President, as the district's representative. All in favor. The motion carried.

Director Butler suggested that perhaps the RC&D Council could consider funding the replacement of the 8" pressure line in Desert Shores, for approximately \$1,000,000.00.

NOTE: The secretary reported that a disaster preparedness meeting with Red Cross is being held at the district office on Monday, May 12, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m. Anyone that is interested should attend.

- b. Approve \$15,000.00 from the sewer maintenance fund for the construction of a block wall at the shop.
A motion was made by Director Robert Butler, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, approving \$15,000.00 for the construction of a block wall at the shop. The motion carried on a 3 -2 vote, with Directors James Barrett and Stanley Rouhe voting no.

A new motion was made by Director James Barrett, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, to postpone this item until next month, meanwhile the general manager should check into the cost of other possibilities, like a video camera. The motion **did not** carry on a 3 - 2 vote, with Directors: Robert Butler, Jerry Medders & Shirley Palmer voting no & Directors: James Barrett and Stanley Rouhe voting yes.

- c. Approve forming a new position on the sewer department "field superintendent"
A motion was made by Director Robert Butler, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, for the purpose of discussion, approving forming a new position on the sewer department. No action was taken. After discussion about possible legal issue with the union, a new motion was made by Director Jerry Medders, seconded by Director Stanley Rouhe, to postpone this item and place it on the agenda of the study session. The agenda should also include the job description, duties and wages for the newly formed position. All in favor. The motion carried.
- d. Schedule study session to discuss park host rules and regulations.
A motion was made by Director Robert Butler, seconded by Director James Barrett, to schedule the study session. All in favor.

NOTE: Scheduled Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. the time and day of the study session, at which time the rules and regulation of the park host, the field superintended position and cell tower leases will be discussed.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:47 p.m., Ms. Shirley Palmer, President, adjourned the regular meeting.

Attest:

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

Shirley Palmer,
President of the Board