

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
KINNELOA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
January 29, 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Brain, Matthews, Pickard, Sorell and Stock

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Burt and Shirley Burt

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mel Matthews, and he noted that all Board Members were present which constituted a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Chair requested approval of the Agenda. The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Williams noted that the problem of corroded pipes should be brought to the attention of the public and note made as to the increase in cost of operation when such problems exit.

Mr. Tibbet reported on the status of the Kinclair Project indicating that the current owners may be giving consideration to selling the whole Project to another developer.

REPORT OF RATE CHANGE AD HOC COMMITTEE

A draft copy of the information letter as prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee was presented to the Board by Director Pickard for their review. All suggestions are to be submitted by Friday when the Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Maurice Pickard, Ben Walker, Linda Williams, Frank Griffith, Chris Burt and Shirley Burt, will meet and finalize the information letter. The letter will be mailed to the Customers by February 6, 2001.

The Board unanimously agreed that a rate increase is necessary. It was M/S (Pickard/ Sorell) **that the basic rate be increased to \$30.00/Month, the commodity rate to \$1.90 /unit and that in the year 2003 the commodity rate be increased Five cents.** It was M/S (Brain/Pickard) that the motion be amended to state **that the basic rate be increased to \$28.50/Month and the commodity rate be increased to \$1.95/Month.** The Amendment to the motion failed 2/3 with Directors Brain and Pickard voting Yes and Directors Matthews, Sorell and Stock voting No. The original motion was then M/S/C 5/0. The Chair then stated that this motion was to serve as a consensus opinion of the Board and that after the Public Hearing the Board may wish to make changes to this opinion.

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DELORES TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Chris Burt reviewed the opinion of the Department of Fish and Game which allowed for the construction period to extend beyond February 15, 2001 provided a biologist would be hired to certify the absence of birds nesting in the area. He stated that Tetra Tech gave an estimated cost of \$2,000. for the services of a biologist to do the survey. It was M/S/C (Stock/Sorell) **that a Tetra Tech Biologist be hired to do the Bird Nesting Survey for the Delores Tunnel Project for a sum not to exceed \$2,000.**

Mr. Burt then reviewed the proposal of Thomas Construction Company to construct Phase I of the Delores Tunnel for the sum of \$48,436. It was M/S/C (Sorell/Stock) **that Staff be authorized to negotiate the contract with Thomas Construction Company at a price not to exceed \$48,436. and that Staff attempt to get Thomas Construction to meet the Engineer's estimate of \$39,300.00 or explain to Staff's satisfaction the reason for the variance and that if Staff is not satisfied with the explanation, they will come back to the Board for further direction.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting was confirmed for February 20, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Burt
Acting Secretary