

Minutes - Board of Director Meeting - Odd Fellow Sierra Park - Aug 2, 1970

Meeting called to order 9:15 AM, Pres Bell presiding.

Present: Garner, Hildebrand, Tombe, Jackson, Harmer, Moody, Bell and Lee.
Absent, Adams.

Caretaker's report: He installed and repaired water valves and leaks and widened Rebekah, clearing some trees and stumps and worked on equipment.

Minutes read: Correction clarifying item of back taxes on Morrow lot, wherein a buyer had made arrangements with Board that all charges against lot will be satisfied in escrow, said payment since rec'd. Tombe asked that Sec be instructed to be explicit in every regard, and especially in the minutes. Then approved as corrected.

Financial report read and accepted. Budget comparison also read.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Attys for Grindstaff, requesting deed, which has now been recorded, closing the matter.

Letter from George Smith re his lot payment, according to agreement made in Court. Our atty advised we deposit the partial payment and complete judgment for balance of arrears since Smith's demands have been satisfied. M Moody, S Tombe that lien be recorded promptly. Carried.

Notice from bankruptcy court re Wells lot. Court required Wells to surrender deed, which cancels his contract and obligation to us.

Water test report showing water of exceptional purity.

Letter from Doris Edwards re lot owned by her and former husband, detailing her hardship. Mr and Mrs La Grace offered to assume her obligation and pay for it. M Garner, S Harmer that Board accept La Grace's kind offer. Sec instructed to answer Mrs Edwards' letter and advise of this action. Motion carried.

Letter from Mrs Carden advising of sale of her lot.

Letter from Roy Bollinger advising of his purchase of Sinclair's lot.

Letter read by Garner re costs of oxygen and acetylene tanks for purchase or lease, serviced from Sonora. M Garner, S Jackson we lease on annual basis @ \$24 per year, 2 cylinders from Welders Supply of Modesto. Carried.

READING OF BILLS:

Sec read bills, previously approved by Finance Com. Tombe questioned Board on actions taken at meeting he missed June 8 and July 5, especially regarding pipe and pump purchased. Answer: Bell pointed out discussion had been held re long-range planning of water and roads on several previous meetings, in which water maps were studied, samples of pipe and their specifications, report on inadequacy of meadow pump were covered, all with an eye toward a total program of upgrading water and roads, inasmuch as water lines must be laid before road can be done, and time is of the essence. Tombe expressed regret that he had not been able to submit a bid for pipe. M Garner, S Harmer that bills be paid. Carried.

Tombe questioned why Caretaker is now taking Sat and Sun time off instead of weekdays, as before, and remarked that this action was not reported in the minutes. Answer: Board agreed, July 5, possibly without a motion, that this be tried on a trial basis to see if it results in a better usage of Caretaker's time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ROADS Rebekah Rd has been surveyed, stumps and trees in RofW marked for removal and also some work on Esther Ave. M Garner, S Harmer that oak tree in middle of Rebekah and a couple other large trees be felled. J Cover made bid of \$235 to remove trees and this may need to be rebid to include these trees. Road work can be bid on a time and materials basis, or a firm bid.

A bid for patching Wheeler Rd from hiway to boundary by Clemens not to exceed \$400 read.

For work on Rebekah and Esther of ditching for water lines, widening, straightening, grading and adjusting grade of hill and dip, installing culverts, fines and oil coating on a time and materials basis of approx \$6500 by Clemens. This bid can be firmed. Sealcoat blacktop should be done while equipment is in Park. M Garner, S Hildebrand that Chr of Road Com contact George Reed for his bid and take better of the two bids and get on with the work. Carried.

M Garner, S Jackson that Chr of Road Com get bids for seal coat and accept best bid and proceed with work. Carried.

M Tombe, S Garner that we get a price on grading, ditching for water run-off and oil Miriam and Deborah doing downhill. Carried.

WATER Hildebrand reported water consists of supply, storage and distribution. Supply - we have 3 wells and 1 spring. The new pump is delivering adequate supply to keep storage full with normal use, although still hampered by undersize pipe between well and tanks. Recommended that bentonite be used to seal bottoms of redwood tanks. Storage - concrete tanks have been sealed for better control of possible vermin intrusion. Distribution - many leaks repaired, regulators cleaned and control valves installed for more efficient control of distribution. Ample water this week.

EQUIPMENT All equipment in pretty good shape now. Chain saw needs new chain and rope starter repaired. Recommended these be done.

Tank on fire truck is rusted out and won't hold water. Tank replacement available is 370 gal steel tank for \$275 and 400 gal aluminum tank for \$200, either can be slipped onto bed of truck. M Jackson, S Harmer we purchase the alum tank. Carried.

All equip needs new chains for winter, old chains worn out. Tabled.

2-way radio had to be converted to different channels. Our base transmitter needs repair or replacement.

HEALTH & SAFETY Wiring in machine shop is unsafe. We can do work ourselves.

Recent near swimming accident pointed up need for ring floats on shore.

Recommended that since redwood tank would be impossible to climb out of in event of falling off catwalk, some sort of escape be provided.

The dump has been dozed into the pit and should be open only on weekends, except by special permission obtained from Caretaker.

Lot 82 in Blk 20, lot 138 in Blk 16 and lot 79 in Blk 13 are all reported to have unsafe wiring conditions. The first one has had a red tag attached by Bldg Inspector. Sec to notify owner.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sec reported on reconciliation of books which took 115.2 hours, and are now in perfect balance. Board unable to come to a decision regarding compensation. Garner reminded Board that previous month's minutes stipulated that time be kept in order to set compensation. Finally recommended that we have Mr. Ponzo audit the books and after learning his fee, we will know how much, if any, money is left in the budget to pay Lee. Moody recommended she be given a vote of thanks.

Reimbursement of Mr Roger Helsel for reconditioning of equipment while he camped in the Park, tabled at last meeting. Estimated that parts he provided were not less than \$50. M Garner, S Hildebrand that he be sent a check for \$75 and a letter of sincere thanks. Carried. Jackson questioned, if Helsel did all this work on equip, what was done by Caretaker, as per his report. Bell read daily log of hours and work done by Caretaker for July and it was concluded that he assisted in installing the block in Ford pickup and worked on dumptruck, the rest of his time devoted to roads and water.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application by James McKeand for membership. H Hildebrand, S Harmer that we accept. Carried.

Sec suggested a method of ledgering A/C Rec and Contracts Rec which can be photocopied to facilitate billing. She owns photocopy equip and will copy at cost. M Garner, S Moody that Sec be authorized to purchase the necessary supplies, especially since the cost was comparable to ordering more printed statement sheets. Carried.

Pre Bell rescinded his appointment of Sally Adams as recording Sec as of this meeting and asked Margery Lee to keep the minutes.

Sec instructed to send a letter of thanks to Richard Ferreira for the excellent florescent street signs he donated.

Silberstein, a member, wants use of campgrounds for Aug 10-11-12 for a group. Request granted. Suggested be put on a voluntary donation basis.

Richmond Jr. Lodge requests picnic grounds for a Pancake Breakfast Sept 6. Request granted.

Motion to adjourn made by Jackson, S by Moody. Adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margery H. Lee, Secretary