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# Minutes of the Board of Trustees - Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

# 1. Roll Call:

Present: Greg Gomez, President; Belen Gomez, Secretary; Kevin Caskey, Linda Guttierrez, Larry Roberts, Michael Cavanagh, Rosemary Hellwig.

Staff: Michael Alburn, Manager.

## 2. Consent Calendar:

The Manager provided information on the following items: October Bills –

October Dills		
32400	CSDA Membership Dues	\$6,740.00
32407	Price, Paige & Company	\$2,400.00
November Payroll –		
32446	Battery Systems	\$ 114.15
32449	Harbor Freight	\$ 360.14
32452	Pac West	\$ 749.82
32454	Price, Paige & Company	\$6,225.00
	Lozano Smith	\$ 629.00

Following discussion, it was moved by Michael Cavanagh, seconded by Larry Roberts and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

# 3. Public Forum

None.

# 4. Staff Report:

The Manager reported the following:

The lift was delivered and the incorrect model was picked up and removed. Napa installed, but the motor to the assembly did not work. The motor is expected to be replaced this week.

Fire Department did a facility inspection; the only demerit was a dead battery in emergency lighting in the lab which led to replacing all such batteries.

After a huge rush of service requests to end the month of October, things have begun to settle down. Crop map changes are being entered into master maps for use next year.

Facility cleaning is being performed throughout; waxing floors, changing lights, cleaning work areas, etc. Training has been ongoing, particularly with respect to the certifying of new wheel balancer, tire changer and lifts.

Preparation for annual report and Aedes aegypti response amendment are being developed. Expect the annual report by Feb and the response amendment in March or April.

Remaining fish have been distributed to residents with ponds in town.

Nelsons will have an auction in December. We will sell 1999 half ton Silverado 4x4 with 150,965 miles and equipment (tire changer, wheel balancer, abrasive blast cabinet, steam cleaner and miscellaneous stuff).

Many employees are taking vacation as expected.

# 5. Kontrol Larvacide Oil:

Chris Potts from the environmental science division of Univar out of Indianapolis called and discussed with senior staff the removal of oil and cleaning of the storage tank. His company is sending out a vacuum truck from PARC Enviro Fresno on Thursday to skim the tank using a stinger, 10 minutes at a time. The goal is to remove the oil that is above the surfactant that has dropped out of solution, then try to remove the surfactant into another tank. It was suggested that a hot pressure washer be used to suspend the sludge and pump it out. The District has objected and told Univar we are not putting water in the tank. Mineral Oil or Diesel will work as it is used in refineries to remove sediment from tanks.

Going forward, the vibe is that this tank is over 30 years old and other materials have been in the tank and Univar does not believe that the shipment created the sedimentation that is occurring.

Without getting into a protracted legal entanglement, we agreed Univar should do what it can. Following we will work together to make additional plans for extracting the remaining sediment if necessary.

Insurance waiver has been provided for the crew coming in to work.

It is probably a point in time that we consider the purchase of a new tank designed for the current blends of larviciding oil that are available today. Back in the day, we were using GB-1356, which was almost equivalent to diesel.

Acknowledging that we are coming to an end of this tanks life (prior to March 87), a quick check indicates a suitable tank replacement with pump assembly would run \$22 - \$30 K. This does not address freight or removal of current tank.

Progress will be reported at the December meeting.

# 6. Policy 2128 Safe Driver:

The Manager provided an updated version to Policy 2128 for first reading by the Board. The comments by the Board were to allow for Trustee travel with own vehicle and for fuel to be reimbursed. Also, a better description of the DMV history requirement for new hires. An H-6: 10-yr history issued within the last 30 days should be stated.

The Manager will make appropriate changes and submit at the December meeting for Board consideration and adoption.

## 7. <u>Cooperative Agreement:</u>

The Manager presented the 2019 cooperative agreement with CDPH.

# 8. **Building Project:**

The District has been doing much work on the fish aspect providing all electrical, tank and other information to Hayashida. Drawings and details were reviewed. The City is being asked to give better direction regarding doors and breezeway so the plans can be sent to the engineers. The elevations were reviewed. Current known costs were identified.

## 9. Staff Luncheon:

The Manager requested staff hold a luncheon at Henry Salazar's. The Board suggested Tech II employees be invited as well. Following discussion, it was moved by Rosemary Hellwig, seconded by Kevin Caskey and unanimously carried to approve the lunch.

## 10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Michael W. Alburn, Recording Secretary