

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Root Creek Water District held at 2:00 pm, Monday, December 9, 1996 at the office of the District, located at 39639 Avenue 10, Madera, California.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Rodger B. Jensen, President
Benton H. Coulthard, Vice President
Philip R. Pierre
Dave Cobb

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Al Bates, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Provost, Consulting Engineer
Jim Cipolla, Attorney

MINUTES

President Jensen asked if there were any corrections to the November 11th meeting, which had been previously mailed. There being no comments or corrections, the President ordered the Minutes approved as mailed.

BY-LAWS

Mr. Cipolla stated that Mr. Campbell was not able to attend this Board meeting and he had been asked to make this report. He distributed a "red line" copy of the By-Laws which the Board reviewed. It was noted that there were no substantial changes. In response to questioning about the importance of the By-Laws, Mr. Cipolla stated that the By-Laws are a document that takes the more important provisions in the Water Code and places those provisions in an easy to read document called "By-Laws". With this clear understanding, President Jensen asked for a motion. Director Coulthard moved, Director Pierre seconded and unanimously passed that the District By-Laws are approved and the approving resolution is made apart of these minutes.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Provost reminded the Board that at the last Board meeting he had proposed a \$65,000 budget but the Board was not able to act as input from other District landowner was needed. Mr. Cipolla stated that Chris Campbell would have recommendations at the next Board meeting.

President Jensen stated that at the last Board meeting authority was given to open a bank account with Sanwa Bank. He went on to state that Sanwa Bank does not have a branch in Madera and he recommended that the District bank with Wells Fargo Bank, who does have a branch in Madera. A short discussion followed. Upon motion of Director Coulthard, seconded by Director Cobb and unanimously passed that the District open a checking account with Wells Fargo Bank in Madera.

DISTRICT LEGISLATION

President Jensen reported that he and Chris Campbell along with our lobbyist, Jack Gualco, had met in Sacramento with Linda Adams who is the legislative representative for the Senate Agriculture and Water Committee. The meeting subject was on how can the District get it's special legislative passed which authorizes our District to retail electrical energy. It was reported that since the Madera County Farm Bureau has objected to the legislation a stand alone bill will be required. President Jensen stated that he will be asking the Farm Bureau to place him on the agenda of the January 14th meeting and he would like as many of the Directors there as could attend. He went on to report of his and Director Pierre's experience attending a Madera Irrigation District Board Meeting as Root Creek was on their agenda, only to have it taken off the agenda until December 17th. He also reported that if the District could get the opposition to our special legislation removed then it could be contained in an omnibus bill and passed without issue.

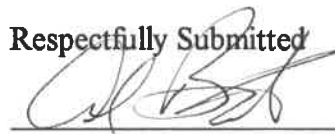
WATER SUPPLY

Director Pierre reported on the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District proposal for a water banking program with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. A short discussion ensued wherein it was noted that the water is a dry year supply only and there was no proposed way to deliver it to the Eastside of the Valley.

ADJOURNMENT

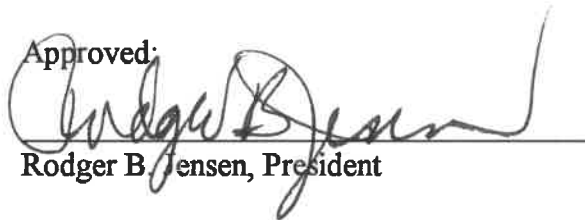
There being no further business to come before the Board, President Jensen adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Al Bates, Secretary

Approved:



Rodger B. Jensen, President