

Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association

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Minutes - Special Board Meeting - Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Ass'n - Apr 16, 1967

Meeting called to order at home of Pres Art Tombe at 10:45 A.M. Present: Bogard, Ellis, Harshman, Hildebrand, Jackson, Moody, Tombe. Absent: Baker, Beauregard.

Meeting called to discuss primarily the applicants for Caretaker's job and the imperative situation in regard to the Ridge Water System of Tuolumne County Water District #2, in which it is proposed to include our Park.

Pres Tombe, Vice-Pres Jackson and Sec Harshman attended a meeting at Long Barn School on Apr 8th, at which the Schelin Engineering Company presented the facts and figures of the proposed system. A resumé of this presentation made by the Sec here-with becomes a part of these minutes, and is attached separately. This resumé gives the Engineer's report only, and does not reflect the attitudes of the people present, nor dwell on the questions and answers given.

The share of total cost of the System allocated to Odd Fellows Sierra Park is proposed to be \$40,500, plus costs of connecting to the main pipeline. Also, a charge for standby can be made at not more than \$10 per acre per annum for those who become a part of the System, but do not buy water. (This could amount to \$6000 annually.)

The following questions were posed to the Board:

Question #1 - Go into the District or not?

Answer - Certain advantages admitted. Also agreed that many pressures can be brought to bear to force our acres into the District.

Question #2 - Go Special Assessment District of General Obligation Bonds?

Answer - In forming a Special Assessment District, a petition by the owners of 70% of the land involved is required. Should abstainance by our Park create a failure to meet the 70% test, the remaining landowners who desire the System can resort to placing request for General Obligation Bonds on the ballot. With only 4 registered voters in the Park, we could be forced in through the ballot.

Question #3 - Cost of water?

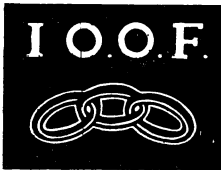
Answer - On bulk rates, estimated costs at \$275 - \$325 per million gallon. This cost would decrease as consumption increased over the million gallon mark.

Question #4 - How to finance?

Answer - (a) Borrow money, followed by question, how to repay?
(b) Assess individual members, estimated at approx \$150 per lot for initial cost of System, plus prorata share of connection costs, plus cost of water.
(c) Sell off acres, to raise money.

Question #5 - How can we sell acres?

Answer - (a) First must lift restriction re membership.
(b) Must dissolve present non-profit corp and reform under a profit corp.
(c) Tombe presented a method of selling undeveloped acres under a share-profit type with a development company. Board will hear presentation by developer at earliest date.



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Question #6 - How does Brown's Meadow Dam proposal affect this Ridge Water System?

Answer - (a) Will tie into this System
(b) Possible further assessment at that time.
(c) Cost of water could go up or down.

Question #7 - What about recent request by Tuolumne County to inspect our private water system?

Answer - Could be merely incidental, or could be used by County to pressure use of Ridge Water System.

Question #8 - What about Wilcox property?

Answer = Owners should be contacted re selling to the Park.

Question #9 - How can Board act in face of time limits, pressures, etc?

Answer - A Special Meeting must be called and facts presented to members.
(a) Assess individual members for costs and remain a private, restricted area as now.
(b) Give Board power to act on alternative measures involving sale of excess acres.

Moved by Bogard, seconded by Ellis that Tombe's presentation of water problem, which is two-fold, with possible relief from same by land sale action, be accepted by this Board. Motion carried. (Explanation of two-fold - 1. supply and demand 2. pressure by regulatory bodies.)

Moved by Bogard, seconded by Hildebrand, that a Special Meeting of the membership be held at 1 P.M., May 21st at IOOF Hall in Manteca. Members to be notified of emergency regarding Water District formation. Sec instructed to mail notices in time. Motion carried.

Moved by Harshman, seconded by Jackson, that this Board go on record as being interested in joining the Water District #2 Ridge Water System. Motion carried.

Moved by Hildebrand, seconded by Jackson, that Tombe sign and return the questionnaire to Scheduling Engineering Co. indicating only interest in the project, and not answering the other questions. Motion carried.

Referring to Old Business from Apr 2 meeting: Sec requested Board consider increase in salary to compensate for Board action requesting that Minutes be printed and mailed monthly to members, stating ~~that~~ approximately 20 additional hours per month would be needed for this. Moved by Jackson, seconded by Moody that Sec's salary be raised \$20 per month to a total of \$95, and that all Board members be paid \$10 per meeting attended, effective May 1st, 1967. Motion carried. *add explanation*

Report of Committee for Caretaker: Com rejected applicant Samuel Perry. Applicant Warren Pryor discussed. Moved by Bogard, seconded by Ellis that Warren Pryor be rejected. Qualifications agreed by Board: good health, maximum age 55, married and living with wife, children permissible.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margery Harshman Secretary