

**BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICESDISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Tuesday, March 27, 2007**

The Board of Directors of Brooktrails Township Community Services District met in regular session on March 27, 2007 at 7:02 p.m. at the Brooktrails Community Center.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following directors present: Williams, Ziady, Orth, Horrick and Skezas. Also present were General Manager Chapman and District Counsel Neary.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**C. ADDITIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Director Orth asked to add a request to have the General Manager notify CALTrans, by phone and letter, that Brooktrails wished to attend their April 4, 2007 community forum in Willits and to be included as a member on that agenda. Director Ziady so moved; Director Orth seconded. Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Directors:	Williams, Ziady, Orth, Horrick, Skezas
NOES:	Directors:	None
ABSENT:	Directors:	None

*Directors returned to this added item after Action Agenda item #6.*

**D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1. March 13, 2007. Director Orth asked that the second sentence of the second paragraph under Item 8 be changed to read, ". . . voting against drilling the #5 well in the budget this year. . . ." He then clarified that this was not a vote on eliminating the well program altogether. Director Orth moved to approve the minutes as so amended; Director Horrick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

2. Robert Eckman, PE, Obermeyer Gates. Obermeyer is the manufacturer of the Obermeyer gate system including the rubber bladder component (a.k.a. Rubber Spillway Project). General Manager Chapman introduced Mr. Eckman, an engineer, who gave a special presentation featuring information on the company and the manufacturing process, materials and design. He showed examples of these projects in America and worldwide. He said the actual installation of the gate itself takes about two weeks; the rubber bladder has a 30-year lifespan. It takes an hour to inflate or deflate, and this is controlled by a touch screen. The 9'-tall gates were manufactured in three 16-foot sections. Special sensors sense the total hydrostatic pressure behind the gates, and automation then determines the need to rise or fall. The lake remains level (i.e., 1,570' in elevation). He reported there never has been a catastrophic in-service failure; most of the problems were in the rubber chemistry which has been revised this over time. Mr. Chapman reminded the board the gate and components cost about \$271,000.00. The directors thanked Mr. Eckman for his presentation.

**F. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. Review of Accounts Payable report and authorization to issue checks. Director Orth moved to approve payment of the outstanding invoice report; Director Horrick seconded. Director Orth asked about the lot merger program, and wondered if we should push this in our newsletter, since this is the last chance people have to avoid a bond assessment. He wondered if we should have it on a meeting agenda, to come up with a PR program. The motion to approve payment carried unanimously.

**I. ACTION AGENDA**

4. Rubber Spillway Project: Consideration of additional engineering services, Blackburn Consulting. General Manager Chapman said that Rick Sowers, PE CEG, of Blackburn Consulting will have to do some engineering behind the barge core drilling project (which has been delayed by a week due to permits). Some of these tasks would have been originally done by John Hanson, PE, who was unfortunately killed in an auto accident in December 2006. Jim Hanson, PE has agreed that we could separate this work out from our Hanson contract. Also, at the March 13, 2007 meeting, the Board previously approved

\$19,000.00 for the barge core drilling itself; this figure would now be included in the current proposal by Blackburn, which totals \$45,731.00. Director Orth moved to rescind the previous approval of \$19,000.00 for the core drillings to be done by barge, and authorized the General Manager to proceed with the rubber spillway engineering services to be provided by Blackburn Consulting as specified in their proposal for a cost not to exceed \$45,731.00. Director Ziady seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consideration of nomination of Tony Orth for LAFCO Board seat. General Manager Chapman advised this matter was to approve nomination by the District of Director Orth for a Special District Member seat on LAFCO's board. Director Orth detailed the support he has for this campaign. Director Horrick moved to approve nomination by the District of Director Orth for the described seat on the LAFCO Board; Director Ziady seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Adoption of Goals & Objectives for FY 2007-08. General Manager Chapman reviewed that our number 1 priority emerged from the planning meeting as being water projects, with Lake Ada Rose stepping ahead of Lake Emily. However, it might be prudent to dredge Lake Emily first and gain another 58 a.f. of water. Since this was discussed meeting, he said, he realized that by doing the dredging we will affect our water rights situation. We will go beyond our allotted 270 a.f. and will have to make an appropriations filing change. Director Ziady asked if dredging would create more pressure on the rubber spillway and dam due to increased volume. Mr. Chapman said he would check and come back with that information.

Director Orth asked for a change on page 2 of the proposed Goals & Objectives pertaining to the water rights application. He said he believed we would be submitting our application for the described water projects, but the goal said "limit application to Specific Plan buildout of 4,000," which he felt posed a conflict. He further added that the Specific Plan does not set a development cap like this, so he would like the application to be for whatever we can prove we can build and store. He stated again that we might need more than envisioned due to climate warming and increased evaporation. It was agreed to strike the goal about the 4,000 buildout.

Discussion then diverged to the just-received appraisal report on properties affected by the 3-foot rise. Bob Terry asked about support of the CERT program and whether there were specific directions from the Board as to CERT activities. Mr. Chapman suggested Mr. Terry meet with Fire Chief Schoepner and himself.

Directors agreed this would come back for adoption at the next meeting.

*ADDED ITEM: Request to be included in CALTrans community meeting April 4.* Director Orth clarified that we needed to have the General Manager request that Brooktrails be included on the agenda, and moved to so authorize and direct. Director Ziady seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **J. ADDITIONS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**

General Manager Chapman said John Pinches of the Board of Supervisors would be speaking at the next meeting about the second access road.

#### **K. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**From Directors:** None.

**From District Counsel:** Notice of appeal (second unemployment appeal) was received in the Crothers matter.

**From General Manager:** General Manager Chapman updated the Board on the 1600 permit proceedings for the rubber spillway project. A CEQA Notice of Exemption has been prepared for the core drilling by barge project. He mentioned that we have been transferred out of CA Fish & Game's Yountville office to the Eureka office. District Counsel Neary noted that Lake Ada Rose will present the fewest fish issues of any of the major water projects.

#### **L. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **M. ADJOURNMENT**

Director Horrick moved to adjourn, and President Skezas declared the meeting of March 27, 2007 closed at 7:58 p.m.

GEORGE SKEZAS, President

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL V. CHAPMAN