

INDEPENDENCE RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

January 16, 2008

Annette Schoolhouse

1. 7:02 PM OPEN SESSION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, Led by Mark Kenyon / ROLL CALL, Present: Pam Broch, Cyndi Harper, Mark Kenyon, Gene Miller, George Tracy, Denise Conte, Loch Dreizler (GM) Absent: Cyndi Harper; General Public: No General Public present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of December minutes were moved by Pam, seconded by Gene. Approved 4-0

4. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Payables: Approval of January 2008 Warrant Register; Loch Dreizler \$1290 for General Manager expense; Kim Kritz \$50.00 for Treasurer expense. Pam Broch moved to accept consent items; George Tracy seconded. The motion was approved 4-0.

B. Treasurer's report. Received the Treasurer's Report for December 2007. Balance as of 12/27/07 was \$51,298.18. Gene Miller moved to approve Treasurer's report; George Tracy seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Sheriff's Response to Letter: Loch presented a copy of the letter sent to the sheriff regarding problems with off-highway vehicles. CHP has jurisdiction on public property and roads; the Sheriff has jurisdiction over private property. The upcoming website will help educate residents regarding the off-road vehicle issue. The Sheriff said he would come to meeting if we wish, to speak with public to let them know that the Sheriff knows there is a problem. The General Manager discussed the possible benefits of improved signage in the Ranch. New "20 mph" signs are also needed. There are some street signs missing – some will need to be made. George Tracy moved that 6 signs be made for posting within the Ranch to read: IRCSD, County of SLO, California Vehicle Code Enforced. Pam Broch seconded the motion; the motion was approved 4-0. Pam Borch moved that four "20 mph" signs be purchased; Gene Miller seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

B. Website Update: Denise Conte sketched out the website layout, and solicited ideas for improvements. The updated website design will be presented to Board members prior to making it publicly available.

C. Loan with California Special Districts Association (CSDA): The CSDA said that the loan was denied. The reason for denial was because there was a near-zero balance at the end of budget cycle every year. The CSD can still pursue a USDA loan. The next step would be to pursue a loan from USDA/private banks. Pam Broch moved and George Tracy seconded the motion to continue pursuing other loan avenues. The motion was approved 4-0. Miller with follow up with Heritage Oaks Bank, and George Tracy will follow up with WAMU, and report back next month.

D. Road Conditions and Maps: If an engineer is being retained to assess roads for a loan application, it will be a good way to set priorities for grading and gravel. Tracy noted that ditches need to be redone in areas. Kenyon noted that someone on the ridge has been grading with a box grader, and has totally flattened the road. The Board discussed the options of getting some grading done, since the dirt is still fairly pliable from recent rains. Unfortunately, the bidding process takes time, but there is money available to do some work under the \$25K limit that could get out fairly quickly. It was noted that telephone cables strung underground where ditches need to go is an ongoing problem that disrupts telephone service whenever ditches are dug. Kenyon noted that USA will mark where their records indicate they're at, but for many reasons that's not always accurate. Contacting USA, however, protects the contractor, so that should be done. At this point phone is the only buried cable. George Tracy commented that discussion of Road Priorities be moved to next meeting.

The Board discussed prioritizing by use (main arterials: Hawk ridge, Cerros Pioneros, Independence Ranch, Avenida Trinidad, Rancho Lomas). But it was noted that more minor roads still need work. Tracey will make calls to Silva Construction and Paul Viborg.

6. DIRECTOR/MANAGER COMMENTS – No additional comments

7. ADJOURNMENT: Gene Miller moved to adjourn, Pam Broch seconded; approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm. Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.