

## TRUCKEE CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 22, 2007

11:00a.m.

Present:

Lester deBraga  
Ray Peterson  
Ernest C. Schank

David P. Overvold  
Margaret Clifford

#### **Approve Financing for 26' Drop Traveling Screens**

Mr. Schank informed Director Lester deBraga that several Board members examined a model display of the intended screen when recently attending the Annual Mid-Pacific Water User Conference in Visalia, California. They reviewed possible problems with the screen but the final conclusion was that the screen works very well.

Discussion of specs and whether walk boards would hold up with all the water that will be dumped onto them was a concern. The walk boards are made from redwood and Director Ray Peterson informed the committee that they would hold up very well when wet. If they were to completely dry out, there could be a problem later.

The committee reviewed a bid presented to them from International Water Screens Company, which is the only bid that was received. The bid includes a conveyor system that will carry the moss all the way onto the bank.

The contractor will install the screen with TCID installing concrete pier supports for the center.

The District did not receive a bid from Farm Pump & Irrigation (FPI) but did have an informational sheet on several Irrigation Districts that they have installed screens for in the past.

The committee decided to make a conference call to Rich Gargan of International Water Screens to ask questions and get some references to call. He provided them with the following:

- Nevada Irrigation District (1)      • PacifiCorp (Utah Power) (2)  
    Combie Dam Hydro Plant
  
- Florida Power (4)

One concern that Dave raised with Rich was, what if the moss doesn't wash off the screen. Rich indicated that the worst case scenario would be that the moss would go down through the turbines and get washed down the canal.

The Board then made a conference call to Ray Thomas of Nevada Irrigation District for a reference on International Water Screens Company and their experience working with them. Before getting the screen he indicated that when there was a power outage the old screens

would plug. He also indicated that the debris removed from their channel is taken back to the yard and burned. Ray also informed the Board that he has never had a maintenance issue with the screens.

Mr. Thomas offered to take the committee on a tour should they like to come up and view the workings of the screens themselves. The reference was a good one.

The committee discussed financing from the electrical fund reserve and the land and building fund. The monies would be paid back out of future hydro revenue.

A **motion** was made by Ernie Schank to recommend to the Board the purchase of the 26' Drop Traveling Screens from the International Water Screens Company and that all the money but \$10,000 be taken out of the Electrical Fund Reserve and the balance be taken from the Land & Building Acquisition Fund and to repay these funds out of future hydro revenue totaling \$182,332.00 seconded by Dave Overvold and unanimously approved.

Margaret offered a copy of all revenues on each power plant to the committee for review.

Director Ray Peterson reminded the committee that Ted Renfroe, Shop Foreman had been asked to get some bids for the purchase of a Loader. The District has purchased two used trucks making the ditch rider truck fleet a total of 14. The District truck inventory is on a rotating schedule ensuring that the trucks are serviced regularly. Director Peterson also stated that they are in need of a long reach. Most of the drains can be handled by the short reach. The committee would like to look into a piece of equipment that is between the size of the long and short reach and preserve the life expectancy of the long reach.

The committee reviewed the difference between a Back-hoe and a Drott to see if the District has a good balance of equipment. The Drott is used more for installing bridges and such and the back-hoe is used mainly for digging.

### **Related Matters**

Dave Overvold discussed the radial gate at Sagouspi Dam. It needs to be sandblasted and painted and the bid to do this is \$2,000. Walt Winder, O&M Foreman had previously told Dave TCID is currently short handed and that is why the job should not be done in-house. After some discussion, it was decided by the committee that the job should be done in-house, as the District has its own equipment. Upon further consideration Ernie Schank suggested that this is a management decision and the matter was handed over to Dave Overvold to make the decision.

A **motion** was made by President Ernie Schank to adjourn the meeting at 1:00p.m. seconded by Director Ray Peterson and unanimously approved.

**Lester deBraga:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_