



Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for Chandler Heights Citrus Irrigation District
26651 S. Valencia, Queen Creek, AZ
February 9, 2010

A public meeting of the Chandler Heights Citrus Irrigation District was convened on Tuesday, February 9th, 2010 at 26800 S. Mandarin. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm (after the Executive Session) with Derek Arnson, Gene Rose, Joe Overton, Recording Secretary and Office Administrator, Jollieen Williams, Field Operations Manager, Alfonso Garcia and Zanjero, Vance Godwin in attendance. In attendance from the public were district residents, Patrick O'Malley, Fernando Azuri, Elizabeth Fulghum, George Surbeck, Nancy Lopez, Terri Cook, Ruben Munoz, Shari Overton and Kent Wheeler. Janice Tring did not sign-in but was also present at the meeting.

Executive Session (Investigation of Gene Rose 6:00 – 6:30)

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Janice Tring inquired as to whether or not the domestic water billing/due process had been changed. Currently the policy states that domestic water bills are due on the 10th of each month. If the 10th falls on a weekend or district recognized holiday, time due is extended to before the start of business on the next business day. She also expressed concerns of low water pressure on her block between 4 & 5pm. Jollieen committed to complete a work order for the Field Manager to assess. Janice also advised that she was asked by Pat O'Malley to comment on the investigation of Gene Rose but refused because Pat is not an authority figure or an impartial 3rd Party. She inquired as to whether or not the investigation was sworn testimony or had any officer of the court had been contacted. It was clarified that personnel issues within the workplace are typically investigated internally and most entities would not involve any authoritative figure or officer of the court unless legal charges are being brought forth against one or more of the parties involved.

Results of the Racial Discrimination, Harassment and Intimidation Complaint & Investigation of Gene Rose

The Board met twice with regard to the investigation of Gene Rose. The Board was advised on proper handling and protocol as well as potential liability for any assumed litigation that might occur as a result of the investigation. President, Derek Arnson advised that he had personally made every effort minimize any bias on either side and to view the complaint as objectively as possible. During the Executive Session Mr. Gene Rose decided not to step down and resign as requested by the Board. As a result, the Board, within its rights, decided to limit Mr. Rose's authority as a Board Member to participation at board meetings only. Gene was directed and advised to not conduct any other type of business in the district or have any contact with employees, vendors or contractors. The Board acted based on professional advice that taking this approach would minimize any future litigation that might occur as a result of the investigation. Revision: Mr. Rose was asked to turn in his keys and also refused.

Follow-Up to Issue on Karsten near Grapefruit

The Board advised that a letter to MCSO had been drafted and after final revision, it would be sent to the appropriate departments asking for their assistance in controlling traffic on district roads and in our residential neighborhoods.

Fernando Azuri – corner of Valencia & San Tan

Field Operations Manager, Alfonso Garcia advised Mr. Azuri that he would meet with him and help with determining where the county lines are and help facilitate building a fence that will not enclose the main line and would allow district access to the easement.

Kent Wheeler – Easement on Stacy between 172th & 174th

Kent was given a copy of the District's current easement policy. He reviewed it and advised that he understood the District's position on obstructing easements.

Non-Agenda Items:

Feedback / Customer Comment Section on CHCID site

The Board informed the public they intend on posting a customer feedback section on the chcid website provided that the community has a viable source to express their concerns and obtain answers and/or solutions to potential problems.

The meeting adjourned to at 7:12pm.

Joe Overton

Gene Rose

Derek Arnson

Jollieen Williams (Recording Secretary)