

**SPALDING COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2011**

APPROVED BY DIRECTORS:
Approved 9/14/11

MEETING PLACE: EAGLE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER, SPALDING.
BOARD MEMBERS: JOHN MONTICELLI CHAIRPERSON, BILL KELLER,
LARRY DOSS, RANDALL AUBREY, BETH BRAZIL **ABSENT:**
ALSO PRESENT CHRIS GALLAGHER, SEC/GENERAL MANAGER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:00 PM by John Monticelli
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION

a. Personnel – Evaluation General Manager
John Monticelli: Closed Session

REPORT OUT – CLOSED SESSION

John Monticelli: Return from closed session, evaluation of General Manager, no action taken.
Board satisfied with discussion of issues in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Fire Tax Assessment
- b. Consider New Board Member Application for Beth Brazil – Board Member Appointment
- c. Haws, Thebold & Auman Questionnaire

Discussion on item a:

Chris Gallagher: Each year the auditor requires the Board review the list of property owners paying fire tax and note any changes. Request to the Board to sign the fire tax with changes. Plan is to photograph all parcels identified by address and APN numbers.

Randall Aubrey: I have available a utility tool to lend to the District to assist. Joe Williams created a map of parcels including APN and BSD numbers.

Board Discussion on how each parcel is assessed for fire tax.

Bill Keller: **Motion to approve Fire Tax Assessments as presented.**

Larry Doss: **Seconds Motion.**

Board Polled: **Unanimous Vote-Yes.**

Discussion on item b:

Board Discussion, Application reviewed, Beth answered questions from Board and public regarding expertise in computers and website design.

Randall Aubrey: **Motion to Approve Resolution No 2011-11 to accept Beth Brazil to replace vacant Board member.**
Bill Keller: **Seconds Motion.**
Board Polled: **Unanimous Vote-Yes.**
Oath of Office given to Beth Brazil by Chris Gallagher.

Discussion on item c:

John Monticelli: Requests Board Members participate then mail questionnaire to the auditors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rebecca Walker: Presents a letter written by State Senator Ted Gains to the Director of California Fish and Game.
See attached letter

Request that the Board write a letter backing Ted Gains urging Fish and Game to close the Bly Tunnel.

Chris Gallagher: The Bly Tunnel is on the agenda of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors meeting, August 16th @11:00am.

Randall Aubrey: The document I have in my possession is put out by the Chief Biologist for UC Davis Genome Center and in charge of the Eagle Lake Fishery. It's A Review of Fish Biology and Fisheries in regards to the Captive Breeding Program that Fish and Game is doing on Eagle Lake Trout and the downfalls or problems incurred with continuing captive breeding. UC Davis and these scientists are in the process of publishing this report; I have a copy to use as a reference so I can't provide it to the public at this time. Basically they are recommending the tunnel be closed down and remove all diversions upstream on Pine Creek. This is a good sign and is encouraging for us.

Rebecca Walker: The Lake is in critical conditionunintelligible...

Randall Aubrey: Houseman Reservoir diverts the water so it never makes it to Eagle Lake, but could easily reach our springs. It would fill in the spring if we had adequate flow, but within a month it's dry and not beneficial to wild life.

Rebecca Walker:Unintelligible...

Cliff Watts: Houseman Reservoir holds water year around.

Randall Aubrey: Not every summer.

Cliff Watts: I've only seen it dry twice since I've lived here. It's located up Highway 105.

Randall Aubrey: That is an additional reason to remove it because the water sinks down into the lava beds below Dow Wells. So even if it doesn't make the lake, at least its replenishing springs that come up into the lake.

Rebecca Walker: Understand that the tunnel is just a small piece of the pie. We have problems in the Pine Creek Water Shed, and now we're pushing on to get an ambient water closed study.unintelligible...

Board and Public Discussion regarding water loss study.

ADJOURN

Beth Brazil: **Motion to Adjourn.**

Bill Keller: **Seconds Motion.**

Board Polled: **Unanimous Vote-Yes.**

Respectfully submitted by: Virginia Bruce

These minutes were transcribed from audiotape. Every effort is made to record all person's comments. Some comments may have been edited to try to get thoughts across.

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August 10, 2011

Mr. John McCamman
Director, California Department of Fish and Game
1416 Ninth Street, 12th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Director McCamman:

I am writing regarding Eagle Lake in my Senate district and the issue surrounding the open bypass valve located in Bly Tunnel.

Eagle Lake is home to the Eagle Lake Trout, a fish unique to the lake and a prize for anglers from around the state and country. The lake is part of "California's Heritage Trout Waters" program and its proper management is critically important to the local environment and economy. An unhealthy Eagle Lake, and a threatened or diminished population of the Eagle Lake Trout, harms residents and businesses in the region, as well as diminishes one of our state's premier fishing destinations.

I recently visited with Eagle Lake residents and had the opportunity to visit the lake. Their stories of economic despair and plight due to the lake's conditions were saddening. They blame the open bypass valve for lowering the lake's water level, therefore damaging the lake and its fish population as well as the economy that depends on the business of the fishermen and other tourists. They were also frustrated that despite repeated efforts to get the bypass valve closed, they had not been successful.

I support the efforts of the Eagle Lake residents to shut off the bypass valve and believe it's worth the attempt to at least see if doing so would give the residents and other interested parties the results they anticipate.

I am asking you to support the shutting of the valve and to work with the Bureau of Land Management regarding its closure.

Please call my office if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Gaines".

TED GAINES
SENATOR, 1st District