

IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Division
Unapproved Minutes
July 1, 2009
Stockmen's Club in Brawley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter Britschgi, Hugh Kissick, William Love, Tommy Mills, Daniel Poloni, Bo Shropshire

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Johnny Esquer, Steven Finnell, Ed Fonda, Ed Hale, Al Kalin, Antonio Rivera, Ralph Strahm, Nancy Wade

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Pauley, Steve Burch, David Bradshaw, Ofelia Duarte

GUESTS

George Morris, Don Smedley, Mary Love, Erasmo Gonzalez, Jonathan Balint, Martin Gordon, Matt Hester, Curtis Pate, John McFaddin, Mark Harrison, Jack Aguirre

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for June 3, 2009 were approved unanimously. **M/S/C W. Love/H. Kissick**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Curriculum

P. Pauley distributed flyer "*Should a Liberal Education Include an Agricultural Education?*" Same flyer was reviewed and discussed about a year ago. Flyer's main topic talks about how institutions should offer basic lessons in agricultural skills and how modern agriculture touches on nearly all of the pressing environmental and social issues facing America today. Board would like to see Ag Business, Animal Science and Agronomy offered every two years. They discussed the possibility of adding Agriculture as a General Education course (3 units). It was the consensus of the board to push academics. J. Balint will propose to president.

B. Land Lab Development

P. Pauley stated that Tessera Solar is proposing to build a Reference Solar Plant at IVC. They will be utilizing the west side of the Ag field, approximately 15 acres. W. Britschgi passed out the environmental report that was submitted. Board reviewed and discussed handout. Board was upset and expressed concerns with time and money already spent on building the Ag program (i.e. Tiling, leveling, drip system, etc). D. Poloni asked if the administration was aware of the impact this would have on the Ag program. Board discussed writing a letter with their concerns and to see if administration would consider using the east side of the field instead of the west. D. Bradshaw suggested that a motion be made to write letter explaining that many hours of work and thousands of dollars in donations had been put into the IVC farm and that a new expensive head ditch would need to be constructed if solar collectors were placed on the west portion of the field. The letter would ask the board and college president to consider placing the solar collectors on the east portion of the field. Motion was made to write a letter explaining the advisory boards position to John Lau and Dr. Gould. **M/S/C D. Poloni/H. Kissick**

C. Update of IVC Field Day in Fall

W. Love stated that the consensus is to move the event to Fall or Spring. Event was originally scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2009.

REPORTS

OTHER

D. Poloni asked S. Burch if he had the soil test results. He will have results by July 15.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m. **M/S/C B. Shropshire/W. Love** Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Meloland Research Station.

Cc: Lianna Zhao

September 2, 2009
Recorder: Ofelia Duarte