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BOARD OF RETIREMENT MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2004

Members Present: Kent Crawford, Maria DeAnda, Gary Dial, Darin Gharat, Wes Hall, Mike Fisher, Al Sarina, Linda Stotts-Burnett and Tom Watson

Members Absent: Nick Blom

Others Present: Robert Harmon, Victoria Halliday, Karen Gonzales, Jerry Matt, Retiree and Spouse, Jenlane Matt

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair, Maria DeAnda.

2. **Announcements**

Invitations were handed out to the groundbreaking ceremony for the 12th Street Project, which is scheduled for April 20th at 4:30 p.m.

Robert informed the board that April 27th is the groundbreaking ceremony for the Gallo Center.

Karen informed the board that there was a change in the disability retirement date for Joann Van Vliet. Her application was approved at the March 10, 2004 meeting for an effective date of April 25, 2003 in which the correct date is August 20, 2003.

3. **Public Comments**

None

Item 7 was moved and discussed at this time

4. **Consent Items**

Motion was made by Wes Hall and seconded by Gary Dial to approve the following items listed.

Motion carried.

a. Approval of the March 23, 2004 Regular Session Minutes

Tom Watson arrived at 2:24 p.m.

4. **Consent Items- Continued**

- b. Approval of Service Retirement(s) – Sections 31499.14, 31760.1 and 31810
 - 1. Manuel Azevedo, Effective 04-01-04
 - 2. Colette DeLeon, Effective 04-06-04
 - 3. Arlene Stevens, Effective 04-28-04
 - 4. Kathleen Wasson, Effective 03-26-04
- c. Approval of Deferred Retirement(s) – **Sections 31700**
 - 1. Somaly Keo, Effective 03-05-04
 - 2. Robert Mabry, Effective 03-31-04
 - 3. Cheryl Smith-Carroll, Effective 03-10-04
 - 4. Cynthia Van-Empel, Effective 02-26-04
 - 5. Jennifer Warren, Effective 02-21-04
 - 6. Donald Weber, Effective 03-05-04

As a courtesy to staff in the Risk Management Department, Administrator section moved and discussed at this time.

5. **Closed Session**

Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Mike Fisher to adjourn to closed session at 3:04 p.m.

Motion carried.

After returning to regular session at 3:24 p.m., Robert Harmon, Administrator read the findings of the closed session:

The application of Eric Mendonca for a service connected disability retirement benefit was approved effective April 2, 2001.

As an informational item, Robert Harmon informed the Board of Retirement that he had accepted the resignation of John Gobel, Benefits and Operation Manager effective April 30, 2004.

6. **Administrator**

- a. Report by Stanislaus County Risk Management regarding the Disability Management Program and Approval for Continued Funding.

David Dolonar and Peggy Huntsinger of the Risk Management Division made a presentation on the progress being made by them in returning injured employees to work. A Motion was made by Al Sarina and seconded by Darin Gharat to approve the continued funding of the Disability Management Program in the amount of \$50,000 for the fiscal year of 2004/05.

Motion carried.

- b. Approval of Notice of Election for Seat 2

Motion was made by Darin Gharat and seconded by Al Sarina approve the Notice of Election for Seat 2.

Motion carried.

- c. Quarterly Special Project Status Report

Robert gave the board an update on the status of several projects that have been completed and/or the projects the department is currently working on.

7. **Correspondence**

- a. Letter from Jerry Matt - Retiree

Jerry Matt, Retiree made a presentation to the Board of Retirement regarding the Kaiser Health plan. Mr. Matt stated he was concerned that Kaiser is not providing an acceptable level of care. Mr. Matt recited several instances where he feels that the level of care is unacceptable or in some cases dangerous. Mr. Matt requested we share this information with our retirees'.

Darin Gharat requested that this issue be forwarded to Risk Management and the Administrator report back to the board on any actions the Risk Management Division takes.

9. **Committee Reports And Recommendations For Action**

STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Benefits Committee - Wesley Hall, Chair

- i. Request to schedule next meeting.

Wes Hall requested that next benefits committee meeting be set for April 22, 2004.

b. Bylaws Committee – Nick Blom, Chair

No Report

c. Due Diligence Committee – Gary Dial, Chair

No Report

d. Education Committee – Al Sarina, Chair

- i. Authorization for Victoria Halliday to attend the NAPPA Legal Education Conference in St. Louis, June 23rd thru June 25th.

Motion was made by Kent Crawford and seconded by Darin Gharat to authorize Victoria Halliday to attend the NAPPA Legal Education Conference in St. Louis.

Motion carried.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

e. Independence Committee – Kent Crawford, Chair

Kent Crawford informed the board that the committee met on March 23rd and discussed timeline for hiring a leasing agent and received an update on the new building.

9. **Committee Reports And Recommendations For Action- Continued**

AD-HOC COMMITTEES- Continued

f. Disability Retirement Accountability Committee – Darin Gharat, Chair

Darin Gharat, Chair, requested a committee meeting be set for May 25, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

10. **Members' Forum (Information And Future Agenda Requests Only)**

Gary Dial will be on vacation and will not be attending the April 27, 2004 meeting.

Darin Gharat also discussed pending legislation regarding AB 1977 effecting disability retirement law in Tulare County.

Karen distributed the manager search results from SIS.

11. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Harmon, Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL KRAUSNICK
County Counsel

Victoria Halliday, Deputy County Counsel