

MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2001

Corbett Water District Regular Monthly Water Board Meeting

Chairman Jeff Grover called the meeting to order at 7:30. Board members, Sandra Redfern, Henry Schwartz, Ed Kalberg and Ken Blanc were present. Also present were Superintendent Randy Stark and District Clerk Kathie Cicerich. There were eleven visitors in attendance.

Mr. Blanc questioned the minutes on page one where it states the Board decided on the amount of audience comments to be put in the minutes, and page five where it states the Board agreed on a concrete tank. Mr. Blanc asked if the Board should be voting on decisions rather than agreeing and deciding on various topics. The minutes of the last meeting, December 12, 2000 were read and corrected to say the Board did not vote on a pre-stressed concrete tank but came to an unofficial consensus that a concrete tank would probably be the better of the two types of tanks. Ms. Redfern moved the minutes be approved as corrected. Mr. Blanc seconded. Board members voting for the motion were Henry Schwartz, Ed Kalberg, Jeff Grover, Sandra Redfern and Ken Blanc. Mr. Grover came back to the issue on page one of the minutes where it states the Board decided on the amount of audience comments to be put in the minutes. Mr. Blanc questioned if it was a vote or not. Mr. Grover made motion to accept the minutes again. Ms. Redfern moved the minutes be accepted with the correction listed above on page five. Henry Schwartz seconded. Board members voting for the motion were Jeff Grover, Ed Kalberg, Ken Blanc, Sandra Redfern and Henry Schwartz.

District Clerk Kathie Cicerich briefed the Board on the December 2000 monthly financial report. A transfer from the checking account to the LGIP account in the amount of \$61,000 was made. LGIP is an interest bearing account where as the checking account is not. The \$61,000 was property tax received from Multnomah County.

Chairman Jeff Grover asked the visitors to state their names for the record. In attendance were: Steve Wilson, Barb Adams, Malcolm Freund, Sue Fry, Pete Baur, Bob Colclessor, Barb Giddeon, Gordon Fulks, Ted Rudiger, Paul Helus and Al Kimbley.

Board member Ken Blanc asked the Board for a water bill reduction due to the fact he had a water leak in December 2000. His water leak consisted of 121,000 gallons with a bill of \$310.30. The staff could adjust it to \$175.30, which is almost half, but this is still a hardship on Mr. Blanc. He spent \$560.00 for equipment rental and materials to repair the leak. Also he is retired and on a fixed income. After much discussion, Ed Kalberg moved the bill be adjusted to a six-month average, which amounts to \$ 57.80. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Board members voting for the motion were: Sandra Redfern, Jeff Grover, Ed Kalberg and Henry Schwartz. Mr. Blanc abstained due to "conflict of interest."

Ted Rudiger requested the Board to consider leak adjustments for his October, November and December 2000 water bills. His water usage for October was 30,000 gallons, November usage was 66,000 gallons and December usage was 153,000 gallons. After much discussion, Ed Kalberg moved to adjust the October, November and December 2000 bills to a 12-month average, which begins October 1999 through September 2000. The adjusted amount for each of the three months is \$25.30. Mr. Blanc seconded. Board members voting for the motion were: Sandra Redfern, Jeff Grover, Ed Kalberg, Ken Blanc and Henry Schwartz. Mr. Kalberg requested in the future staff bring a recommendation, present it to the Board and let them decide.

Barb Adams, volunteer for the *Gorge Gazette* reported there will be extensive reporting on the reservoir in the March 1, 2001 issue. She will be asking Mr. Stark to write some information on the reservoir. The *Gazette* will also ask a few community members to write what they feel regarding a less expensive proposal. One that is more affordable on homeowners yearly tax bill.

As a taxpayer, Mr. Steve Wilson is against the reservoir bond for \$2.95 million. He stated a pre-stressed concrete tank is a Cadillac solution to the problem and one the community cannot afford. He suggested an earthen reservoir with a liner for a tenth of the cost as an option. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Schaaf and a few other community members will be doing research on the reservoir issue and report back to the Board at the February 13, 2001 meeting.

Kathie Cicerich reported on the results of the 1999/2000 audit. There were a few reportable conditions. Receipts or invoices need to be obtained when purchases are made using a credit card. This has been corrected. The auditors requested monthly financial statements on an accrual basis. Our reports have been on a cash

basis. Also noted in the Audit was the FDIC coverage and collateral issued by depositories was inadequate. This has been increased to \$150,000. Auditor, Vicki Hall from Pauly, Rogers and Co., is coming out on the 22nd of January to go over the audit results with Mr. Stark and Ms. Cicerich. Materials and Services were over expended by \$2,980.00. Mr. Kalberg offered some expertise information regarding the audit. He noted on page twelve of the audit, the dollar amount for computer expense is incorrect. This will be brought up with the auditor. Mr. Kalberg moved to approve the audit with the exception of the error on page twelve. Mr. Blanc seconded. Board members voting for the motion were: Jeff Grover, Henry Schwartz, Ken Blanc, Ed Kalberg and Sandra Redfern.

Mr. Stark discussed his work report. The cost estimates on reservoirs were not done in the month of December. The District Engineer is working on estimates for different sizes of concrete and steel reservoirs. The Engineer will also get cost differential for building on flat property and sloped. These estimates are suppose to be ready for the February 13th, 2001 Board meeting. No new information was received from BLM; the contact person with BLM was on vacation during the Holidays.

The Water Treatment Plant is the only source of potable water. Several factors could close down the plant such as: flooding, fuel and hazardous material spills, forest fires and water right permits. Without a 3.2 MG reservoir, the District would have no backup supply of water except the water in the existing reservoirs, which would last approximately 15 to 16 hours. Engineers recommend a minimum of three days daily average use in storage. There was some discussion on various reservoir sizes and the criteria they would satisfy. Mr. Stark presented definitions on OAR codes that pertain to responsibilities of Water Suppliers.

There are several financing options to build a new reservoir. The previous Bond measure was based on a single financing option, but maybe using two or more of the options would help make financing more possible. Mr. Stark responded to audience concerns from the December 12, 2000 meeting. The Corbett Water District's water rights permits expired on October 2000. Water Resources Department extended the permits through 6/30/01. Mr. Stark needs to develop a Water Management and Conservation Plan in order to retain the water rights permits. Much of the information included in this plan is also elements of a master plan. Mr. Stark asked for approval from the Board to write up a new 20 year Master Plan. The Board unofficially had no objection to have Mr. Stark put together a new twenty year Master Plan. The altitude valve was installed to control the overflow

of chlorinated water from Reservoirs on Larch Mountain. It is not functioning properly yet but the crew is busy working out the bugs.

Mr. Grover opened the meeting for audience comments limited to five minutes.

Mr. Paul Helus questioned whether the staff made recommendations to customers to attend a Board meeting to ask for further water bill adjustments when a water leak had been encountered. Mrs. Cicerich replied that customers who ask if they can come to a Board meeting for further leak adjustments are always told yes. Mr. Helus asked if community members could look at the treatment plant site. Anyone who wants to see the site can make arrangements with the staff per Mr. Stark.

Mr. Gordon Fulks thought the public should be able to make comments after each agenda item. Asked if the District is doing work in the least expensive way, questioned the need of a new reservoir, commented on Ken Blanc's leak adjustment, and what is the expected growth in the area. Asked about ozonation versus chlorination, remarked on high projected expenditures on various projects and what does the Water Management plan pertain to? Mr. Stark responded to some of the questions.

Mr. Colclessor advised the Board that all votes should be put in the minutes, even if the motion failed. He indicated that charges could be brought up against the Board. Only employed with the Water District for seven months, the District Clerk was not aware that all failed motions need to be included in the minutes. This will be adhered to in the future. Mr. Colclessor made comments on financing a reservoir.

Chairman Jeff Grover responded to Mr. Colclessor regarding his comments about the minutes. Mr. Grover read aloud the SDAO procedures under minutes and record keeping. Under public law the Board does not have to let audience comments exist.

At the December 12, 2000 Board meeting there, was a motion that failed and was not included in the minutes. Mr. Grover asked that it be put in the minutes. Mr. Kalberg moved to accept the minutes of the 12/12/00 Board meeting with the correction on page 2, paragraph 1 to say Mr. Colclessor shared some information with the Board and strike everything else out in the paragraph. Mr. Swartz

seconded. Before any more votes were completed, Mr. Blanc raised a few questions about what the Board wants to actually see in the minutes. Chairman Jeff Grover asked all those in favor. Board members voting for the motion were Ed Kalberg and Henry Schwartz. Board members Ken Blanc, Sandra Redfern and Jeff Grover voted against the motion. Motioned failed.

Mr. Pete Baur commented he was almost killed in November and December because the meter readers were driving on the wrong side of the road.

Sue Fry remarked there should be public comment after each agenda item rather than making the public wait until the end of the meeting. She also saw the meter readers driving on the wrong side of the road.

Mr. Blanc mentioned when the Board votes, each members' name and how they voted should be in the minutes. He would like agenda items listed under old and new business. After much discussion the Board unofficially determined the agenda be broken down this way.

Mr. Kalberg would like audience comments after reading of the minutes and at the end of the agenda. After some discussion the Board came to an unofficial consensus to go this way.

Mr. Freund remarked the agenda style change is going to be great.

Barb Adams would like to be on the agenda for the February 13, 2001 Board meeting to present alternate ideas for reservoir proposals.

Mr. Schwartz commented on front office security. Nothing has been done about it yet and it has gone on for too long. There was some discussion.

Mr. Blanc moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kalberg seconded. Board members voting for the motion were: Sandra Redfern, Henry Schwartz, Jeff Grover, Ken Blanc and Ed Kalberg. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.