

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Bob Colclessner. All Board members, Jeff Grover, Jim Mastne, Joe Riehl and Henry Schwartz, were present. Also present were Alan Smart of the USFS, Tom Tye and Jim Smith and all District staff, Jan Leckron, Torey Redfern, Randy Stark, Supt. Marc Caldwell and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as printed.

Mr. Smart presented an update on what has happened recently in the watershed, the Scenic area, and the Mt Hood Nat'l Forest. Palmer Mill Road off Larch Mt. Road has been closed to vehicular traffic. The road is open from Bridal Veil to Brower Road. There is no shooting allowed within 1/8 mile on each side of the Larch Mt. road within the Scenic area and Mt. Hood Nat'l Forest or Palmer Mill Road. The county will be monitoring the area. He reported that since the MOU will need to be renewed again in a couple of months, he will submit it to the new supervisor for review. The Forest Service is continuing to downsize. There are no plans for harvest in the Gordon Creek watershed. The road has been graveled to the lower power line gate and a maintenance crew goes through to check for problems.

Mr. Tye and Mr. Smith presented additional information regarding a 1,000,000 steel reservoir. They said the tank would cost approximately \$.30 to \$.35 a gallon to build. This would amount to \$300,000 to \$350,000 for the tank alone. Engineering and site preparation and plumbing would add another \$30,000 to \$50,000. This reservoir would comply with AWWA standards. A steel tank would last approximately 50 years while a concrete tank should last at least 70 years with less maintenance costs. There is more maintenance required for steel tanks. Information has been received from Pittsburg Tank that they would build a steel tank and construct it for approximately \$310,000. Mr. Smith said he felt a prestressed concrete tank was a top of the line reservoir. Such a tank with 1,000,000 gallons storage capacity was recently built in Brownsville for \$600,000. While the initial cost is more, in the long run a concrete tank may actually cost less. Rectangular tanks are more expensive to build than circular. Mr. Tye suggested that he approach the BLM and request a meeting with them and District staff at the site to discuss a location and land lease for such a reservoir before the next Board meeting February 10. The board agreed with this suggestion. With a concrete tank, it appears that the District would need to borrow approximately \$400,000. Although there would be interest costs, Mr. Colclessner suggested that the savings in chemical costs might offset most of these interest charges. To help decide which type of tank would be best to build, Mr. Stark asked Mr. Smith to research the cost of stripping and repainting a steel tank which would be required maintenance over the life of the tank. This should be figured into the cost of building a reservoir.

Courtney Wilton of the TSCC is planning to attend the February 10 Board Meeting. He was unable to attend this January meeting which had to be rescheduled from its original January 13 time due to winter storm weather.

The Board read a letter from Ron and Molly Bates requesting an additional leak adjustment from the 50% specified in the District Rules and Regulations. Those Rules and Regulations allow additional adjustment on a case by case basis for special hardship. Mr. Mastne moved and Mr. Schwartz seconded that the leak adjustment be approved as granted by staff at the 50% rate. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caldwell presented his work report for the last month. Five leaks were fixed, a steel plate was placed over Mr. Bitton's meter until the new line is installed, that new line was measured and a cost estimate prepared, cleared trees and debris around the Cabbage Hill and Loudon reservoirs, cleaned the North Fork intake pond and a filter pond, removed debris from a slide on the road to the South Fork, prepared for a PRV installation, installed lights to improve safety at the shop, on the back hoe and white truck, and met with Mr. Ulmer and Fire Chief Tom Layton to discuss the location of a fire hydrant installation near the reservoir on Cabbage Hill.

Mr. Colclessor submitted information regarding the double taxation for some Troutdale residents that he had received from Mr. Wilton of the TSCC. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Riehl thanked the staff for the card following the death of his mother. He also mentioned that he thought the district should install automatic fill valves on the reservoirs.

Mr. Mastne moved that the District transfer the balance of \$5,000 remaining in the contingency of the CIP fund to Engineering to cover additional expenses involved with the South Fork project. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Board received copies of a revenue and expenditure summary relating to the general fund as of December 31, 1997, for their information. This summary allowed comparison of funds received and funds spent at mid-year of the budget.

Mr. Riehl moved that the bills be paid. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.