

Minutes

Corbett Water District Regular Monthly Water Board Meeting

February 8, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Grover. Board members, Ed Kalberg, Sandra Redfern and Henry Schwartz, were present. Also present were Superintendent Randy Stark and District Clerk Carol Quinn. There were ten visitors in attendance.

Ms. Redfern moved the minutes be approved as read. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Under old business Mr. Leckron read a statement to the Board concerning the GSPC investigation. He thanked the Board for their support. He expressed his concern with the GSPC, which apparently is a group that is appointed, does not appear to answer to anyone and can collect fines based on its own interpretation of violations of rules and laws. He expressed this has been a difficult time. He has a clear conscience and is at the point where he must forgive the parties involved.

Mr. Stark presented information to the Board regarding specific wording for declaring a potential conflict and for declaring an actual conflict of interest. This information comes from the District's lawyer who has been in touch with the GSPC. The purpose for this legal review is to avoid problems in the future which may arise if Board Members or Budget Committee Members have relatives employed by the District.

Mr. Stark explained the resolution he prepared concerning the wage policy that involves a yearly comparison and a salary scale, which requires an adjustment to include the new Portland Cost of Living index. Mr. Kalberg moved the Board adopt Resolution 2000.02a as prepared. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Stark advised the Board the District has joined the State of Oregon Purchasing Program which has already secured the lowest bid for items allowing districts to buy through them without going through the bid process. This process allowed the district to order a new truck. However, this did not include a service body. After doing research the district found a service body that is superior to the usual service body available. It is a unique service body and is not really comparable to others available making comparative bids difficult. It is built much better and stronger. The cost of the truck is more than the original quote since it was given a year ago. The Board was asked to grant an exemption to the bidding process for the service body. The service body is manufactured in Iowa. If the District would send an employee to pick up the truck in Iowa after the body is installed, it would save considerable money as opposed to having the body shipped to the area and installed in the northwest. The District's lawyer has prepared a Resolution to exempt the purchase of the service body from the competitive bidding requirements of ORS 279.015 for the Board's approval. Mr. Kalberg questioned the total actual cost estimate compared with the budgeted figure and how much additional money will be needed. He stated it is important the District endeavor to stay within its budget estimates and have written documentation to justify additional costs. He also reminded the district it should follow through on its approved plan in the budget to sell the white truck and replace it with a smaller one. Before the actual purchase, funds should be moved from contingency to cover the

additional amount needed. Mr. Kalberg moved the Board adopt the Resolution 2000.02b to exempt the Service Trucks International Model 2148 Service Body from the competitive bidding process. Ms. Redfern seconded. Passed unanimously.

Next month will be the first meeting of the Budget Committee for the 2000-20001 Budget. Mr. Kalberg nominated Mr. Stark as Budget Officer. The Board approved this nomination unanimously.

Mr. Stark presented information regarding the Local Budget Law along with guidelines for appointing Budget Committee members. Since many of our Budget Committee members have terms that are expiring or have resigned from the position, the Board will appoint new members at the next Board meeting preceding the Budget Committee Meeting. There will be five members appointed to serve staggered terms of 3 years, 2 years and 1 year. These members will be appointed between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. Any individuals interested in serving in these positions are asked to attend.

Chairman Grover read a letter of resignation from the Board of Commissioners of Corbett Water District from Jim Mastne effective February 8, 2000. He is moving out of the district and will no longer be eligible to serve. The Board discussed how and when they would appoint a member to fill this position. A newsletter will be sent in March. This could include information announcing the vacant position on the Board and request interested persons to contact the District and come to Board meetings.

Mr. Stark read a letter from District Clerk Carol Quinn advising that she had made a decision to retire from her position as of February 29, 2000, after working for the District for 18 years. She has consented to come back on a temporary basis as needed to train a new person for the job. Since she is retiring, there are some accrued vacation, sick leave and comp time hours that will need to be computed. This will require a fund transfer from contingency to personal services to cover these additional expenses. As this retirement came up rather suddenly, these exact figures are not yet available. The District will advertise for the position in the March newsletter, take applications and conduct interviews with the intention of hiring someone May 1. This will also require adjustment to the budget for personal services.

The purchase of the small truck will be postponed until May or June so the District can have more accurate information regarding how much money will have to be transferred from the contingency to cover the personnel expenses involved with the clerk's resignation.

Mr. Grover informed the Board of basic rules and guidelines that are being discussed and considered regarding the implementation of the ESA for salmon recovery. This could involve the diversion of water from salmon bearing streams. This could involve rights and water availability for Corbett Water District customers. Many jurisdictions are not aware that Corbett Water District exists and has its own water source. There is a concern that Multnomah County may make rules that would not consider our water needs. The Board agreed this is a concern and more information is needed so proper action can be taken. There is a possibility the District could apply for an exemption.

Under audience comments, Mr. Blanc notified the Board he is interested in the vacant position. He also informed the Board he thought the survey sent regarding capital improvements and funding options was difficult to answer without more specific information provided including what projects and how much they would cost.

Mr. Curry indicated he was interested in the vacant position as well.

Jan Leckron expressed appreciation for working with Carol and noted she will miss her.

Mr. Weaver also indicated he was interested in the vacant position on the Board and he has worked in the water services for many years at Beaverton

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.