

MINUTES

CORBETT WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY WATER BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Joe Riehl. Board members present were Henry Schwartz, Jeff Grover, Bob Colclessor and Jim Mastne. Also present were Tom Tye, Alan Smart, Russ Elliot, Alex Mock, Randy Stark, Torey Redfern, Jan Leckron, Supt. Vance Hubbard, and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn.

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

Jeff Sinclair who is the adjuster for the District's liability insurance handling the case of the lady who fell on the sidewalk notified us that the claim has been settled for \$1500. He was pleased with the District's timely response in correcting the problem and the settlement.

Mr. Smart reported that the District and Forest Service can use the existing document to extend the MOU with the modifications. The Forest Service will send a letter to affirm the renewal as approved by them and the Board. He reported that there was a break in into the watershed but the gates have been repaired and they are continuing to monitor the area.

Mr. Colclessor reported that he has talked again with the City of Troutdale regarding the area annexed into their city limits that is also part of our water district. Their lawyer wanted to know if we knew when this took place. They were advised that we did not keep records of when Troutdale annexed property.

Russ Elliot brought his contractor, Alex Mock, with him to request a leak adjustment. He has had his line break twice due to high pressure. He is in a high pressure area. Mr. Hubbard advised the Board that there is about 200 pounds there but it is necessary in order for the water to fill the reservoir on Wand since we have an all gravity system. Mr. Elliot has a pressure reducer at the house but Mr. Hubbard has suggested that he might need an additional reducer at the meter since he has had these problems. We have not had other customers in the area complain of this type of problem. The first break involved fittings blowing apart. The second break involved a fitting broken also. Mr. Elliot thought the District should be responsible since the pressure is so high. He thinks that the problem is a surge in pressure. Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Tye advised him that in a gravity system, there really isn't a problem with surges in pressure. Mr. Mock explained that he had been careful in gluing the fittings. It was explained to Mr. Elliot that it is the owner's responsibility to maintain the lines from the water meter to the house. There have been no problems from the main to the meter. Mr. Riehl advised that it is up to the discretion of the Board about whether they might further adjust the bill, but it is the responsibility of the owner to maintain the line after the meter. Mr. Mock asked that the Board consider having the District employees instal the additional reducer at the meter for Mr. Elliot. Mr. Hubbard indicated that this would not be the normal procedure and Mr. Mastne objected to the starting such a practice of working on the owner's side of the meter. The other Board members agreed that this was not a practice that the District should start. Putting an additional reducer at the meter should solve the problem. His water bill for the month of the leak was \$309.70 and the District offered to adjust the bill to \$152.20. However, this wasn't satisfactory with Mr. Elliot so he chose to come to the Board meeting to request additional consideration. Mr. Mastne explained that he thought since the water was leaking at fittings, he believes the pipe was

not properly installed. Mr. Elliott disagreed and felt that the District would have to reimburse him for the bill. After further discussion which included Mr. Colclesser suggesting that people who live where there is high pressure be so notified in a letter, Mr. Schwartz moved that the bill be adjusted to 25 per cent of the original amount. Mr. Grover seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Mastne opposed.

Mr. Tye advised the Board of the issues on the South Fork line replacement. Since there are some wetlands involved, there are additional regulations that must be considered. Normally this would involve a trade-off of lands, but the District has no land available to trade. Therefore, Pacific Habitat suggested that the District pay some money to mitigate the wetland regulations. However, the State was not in favor of such an alternative. There are some lands in Troutdale at Beaver Creek that need rehabilitation. It was suggested that the District assume responsibility for this project in exchange for the South Fork line. This would cost approximately \$1500.00. The District needs approval from the Corps of Engineers and the Oregon Division of Lands and at this time there does not appear to be any other alternative. Mr. Mastne moved that the District accept the mitigation plan proposed. Mr. Colclesser seconded. Passed. Mr. Tye also presented a schedule for the line replacement project with the bid opening set for April 8, 1997. The contract could then be signed at the May 13 meeting or sooner if the Board wanted to hold a special meeting April 22 to get the contract signed. Possibly the Board could authorize the chairman to sign the contract for the low bid provided that it checked out by the engineer and lawyer after the bid openings. This could allow the project to proceed May 1 rather than the proposed May 13 date. BLM has some trees on their land that will need to be removed in addition to the logging that needs to be done on Frank Lumber's land. Mr. Tye suggested that the District buy the trees from BLM and ask Frank Lumber to log them since they would have their equipment in the area. BLM would have to cruise the timber first. In this case the land would be cleared and the District would only need a contractor to install the line.

There was some discussion of the Spanjer leak. It was decided that she would have to come to the next meeting or send a letter to the Board to consider a further leak adjustment.

The Board received a letter from Alan Stokes requesting the Board consider additional adjustment on his leak. After discussion, Mr. Mastne moved that the Board adhere to their policy of adjusting the leak to 1/2 except for extreme hardship which did not apply. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Mr. Stokes will be notified that his bill will be adjusted to 1/2.

Mr. Hubbard submitted his monthly report.

Mr. Schwartz moved that Mr. Hubbard be appointed Budget Officer for the 1997-1998 Budget. Mr. Colclesser seconded. Passed. The first budget committee meeting will be March 11, 1997. Budget committee members will be notified.

Torey Redfern informed the Board that due to crowded conditions in the back lot, he had contacted Shirley Foster about the possibility of a lot line adjustment to give the District some additional land. However, she has two acre parcel and the zoning is for one acre commercial. She said she wasn't particularly interested in selling it, but we could send her a proposal.

Mr. Colclesser moved that the bills be paid. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.