

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Joe Riehl. All Board Members, Bob Colclessor, Peter Grant, Jim Mastne and Henry Schwartz, were present. Also present were Kathy Hubbard, Jan Leckron, Torey Redfern, Supt. Vance Hubbard and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn. Alan Smart of the USFS arrived a few minutes late.

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

A note was read from Merle Scrivner asking the Board to consider a leak adjustment. After discussion Mr. Grant moved that the bill for Mr. Scrivner be adjusted to a six-month average. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

Mr. Hubbard reported that over the last 2-2 1/2 months there have been about four main breaks on the line that goes cross-country from Chamberlain Road to the bottom of Corbett Hill Rd. This is due to the fact that the ground is moving. There is an area that is over 300 feet long that is slowing sliding. When it does, the line breaks. We have taken pictures of the area and notified customers of the potential threat of the slide so that they can call us immediately if there is a leak in the line. The land owner has had a hydro geology engineer inspect the site. He said correction could cost from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. At this time the District has done the things that would verify that this is not a District liability.

Concerning the recent storms, flooding and slides, the screens were plugging at the intakes, the filters were plugging at the treatment site, the reservoirs were low due to numerous customer broken pipes from the freezing temperatures, and the road to the treatment plant was washed out at Buck Creek. Once the rains subsided, the creek cleaned up and the intake screens were easier to keep clear. To supply water, it was decided to bypass the filtration plant and issue a boil water order. A crew was hired to work last Saturday and they cleaned all three filtration ponds. We are back treating the water and will be flushing the lines and taking water samples to be tested. We hope to have the boil water order lifted on Saturday. Sherwood Davis is repairing the road. He installed a new 6 foot culvert which is nearly three times larger than the old one. Longview Fibre is furnishing the rock that has been needed. The cost of this repair should be shared by several agencies since the road serves BLM, Longview Fibre, Frank Lumber, the Willis family and us. A state forester requested that we put in an 8 foot culvert, but we went ahead with what we had. If this becomes a problem, we will furnish data supporting this size. The filters plugged on Thursday and some people ran out of water that day. It was then we decided to bypass them to supply the water, but regulations required a boil water order. It normally takes 1 1/2 to 2 days to clean a filter pond. However, five fellas along with the water district personnel worked all day Saturday and got all three ponds cleaned using the district's pack track, a power wheelbarrow from Mr. Curry and a John Deere gator utility vehicle from Bergh Machinery. It had a power dump box and a much larger capacity which made it much faster to work with as well as a back and labor saver. Mr. Hubbard mentioned that he would like to purchase one for the District. The treatment plant is now back on line; the District will begin flushing lines, samples will be taken Thursday and Friday and hopefully the State Health Division will approve lifting the boil water order on Saturday. The water was being treated the same as before the District had the treatment plant, but the rules have changed so that if any water district using surface water had had a ghardia outbreak which we did in 1982 supplied unfiltered water it has to issue a boil water order. It was discussed that when the new south fork line is installed and a new reservoir built at the treatment plant site, this kind of emergency situation should be covered without the crisis generated at this time.

Mr. Smart reported that they had attempted to inspect the watershed area from the Camp A Loop Road but the snow was too deep. He had observed the area from a helicopter. It looked good although a number of trees have blown down on the lower road. There does not appear evidence of landslides or serious erosion.

There was discussion of the renewal of the MOU which was up for review after a year. The year is up February 22. The Board members agreed that they were satisfied with the MOU. Mr. Smart said that the Forest Service is satisfied with the MOU as it is written. Mr. Colclessor moved that the District extend the MOU for another two years. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed. The Board thanked Mr. Smart for efforts and the cooperation of the Forest Service in working with the Board. Mr. Colclessor moved that the Board Members be issued ID cards with their names and term of office for purposes of identification to be used in the watershed area should they be stopped by security. Mr. Grant seconded. Passed.

The Board discussed whether the District should have earthquake insurance coverage, but it was decided to table this decision until the next meeting.

The Board was informed that the first budget committee meeting for the 1996-1997 Budget year would be March 12. Mr. Grant moved that Mr. Hubbard be appointed budget officer. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed.

Mr. Grant moved that the Board of Directors call for a Special Board Meeting to be held Wednesday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing updating the District's Rules and Regulations. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed.

Jan Leckron commented to the Board that her observations from being a part time worker at the office showed how well the fellas had worked together - night and day - through this water situation to get the necessary work done under difficult circumstances and the stress of constantly ringing phones.

Mr. Mastne moved that the bills be paid. Mr. Grant seconded. Passed.

At 9:05 the Board went into Executive Session to discuss the South Fork Easement.

The regular board meeting was reconvened at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Mastne moved that the district authorize our lawyer to purchase the necessary title insurance policy for \$30,000 covering the South Fork Eastment. Mr. Grant seconded. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.