

Minutes of Special Water Board Meeting, February 14, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Heini Ziegler. Board members present were Don Vaughan, Pete Place and Richard McNulty. Also present were Engineers, Tom Tye and Duane Lee, Supt. Vance Hubbard, Ass't Supt. Randy Stark, and Carol Quinn, Dist. Clerk.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of the District applying for a OCD grant.

Mr. Stark reported on the OCD Grant Workshop he had attended. He advised the Board that the District does not qualify under the "Imminent Threat" requirements, but would have to apply for a Public Works Grant through Multnomah County. The deadline for applications is between March 13 and March 30. There is a great deal of preliminary work that must accompany the grant application including land acquisition, engineering plans, bids, zoning, etc. In other words the District should be ready to start on the project when the grant application is submitted. If those who award the grant funds feel that you could finance the project on your own, you won't get the grant. However, a history that you have tried to solve the problem and were unable to do it and a health threat would both be in your favor to win the grant. These grants are basically for low to median income areas and the community would need to have 51 per cent or more in this financial bracket. A door-to-door census would have to be taken to establish this income level. Mr. Lee informed the Board that PSU does this type of service for a fee. Also, Multnomah County is only allowed to submit one grant application for a Public Works project. In view of the information presented the Board felt there was no way that the District could apply this year and chances were very slim of ever being awarded such a grant as the program now stands.

Mr. Lee said he felt that the State has backed off a little on their requirements for a complete filtration plant. He felt it would be a good idea for the District to document the information that a grant would not be available as the State Health Dept. had indicated the District would qualify. He felt the Board should indicate that since "Giardia" does not qualify as an "Imminent Threat" that the District will begin a program of saving funds to pay for a filtration plant. In the meantime it will continue to chlorinate the water to minimize the threat. The Board does need to comply with Mr. Leland's directive to notify customers of what is happening. Mr. Lee will send the Board a memo which will be used by the Board to draft a letter to the State Health Dept.

The reservation of the MPB for a public meeting will be cancelled as no meeting will be held at this time.

The District will go ahead with exploring the possibility of closing some of the roads and public access to the water shed area.

Mr. Lee informed the Board that he would continue to monitor possible grants for the District and advise them of any opportunities should they arise.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.