

## Regular Monthly Water Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Grover. Board members present were Sandra Redfern, Joe Riehl and Henry Schwartz. Also present were Phil Smith from Murray, Smith & Associates, and staff members Marc Caldwell, Torey Redfern, Supt. Randy Stark, and District Clerk Carol Quinn. Several visitors arrived along with Budget Committee Members Keith Evans, Sue Fry, Mike Grover, Jim Leckron, and Delbert Riehl before the Budget Committee meeting, which was to be held at 8:00 p.m.

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

Phil Smith introduced his engineering firm to the Board. He advised them he has 35 people working in the firm. Sixty per cent or more of the work they do is with water systems. They do planning, engineering, master planning, rate, and financial analysis, etc. in the pacific northwest primarily in the Portland metropolitan area. The District has an agreement with them as the district's engineers and will be billed on a task for time and expense basis. The business is owned by the principals of the firm. They are fully insured. They will have a principal in charge and assign a project manager for the jobs. Their goal is to do a job cheaper, better and faster for their clients.

Mr. Riehl asked if the Board had received a letter of resignation yet from Mr. Mastne to officially record his verbal decision to resign. There has not been a letter received although Mr. Mastne has verified with both staff members and Mr. Grover that he has resigned and will not be attending Board meetings.

At 8:00 p.m. the Budget Committee was called to order. Budget Committee members present were Keith Evans, Sue Fry, Jeff Grover, Mike Grover, Jim Leckron, Sandra Redfern, Delbert Riehl, Joe Riehl, and Henry Schwartz. Nominations were opened for chairman. Sue Fry nominated Mike Grover. Delbert Riehl seconded the nomination. Passed unanimously.

The chairman asked if there were any audience comments before the committee began discussion of the proposal. There were some questions regarding the proposed salary increase. However, before additional questions and answers it was decided that District Superintendent Stark would explain his budget message that would address many of the questions folks might have.

Following Mr. Stark's presentation there was some discussion mainly dealing with the proposed salary increases, the purchase of a new service truck and a small light duty truck to be used for meter reading, and additional computers. Delbert Riehl commented that it has been his experience since being on the committee that the budget has been quite conservative and expenditures have not been unreasonable.

No decisions were made concerning the proposed budget. Jeff Grover moved to adjourn the meeting until April 13. This would allow the committee to further study the proposal. Sue Fry seconded. Passed unanimously. The Budget Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

The regular Water Board meeting was reconvened. The District was advised to officially vote in new officers rather than have Mr. Grover who was vice-chairman at the time of Mr. Colclessor's resignation remain acting chairman. Since Board treasurer Mr. Mastne has verbally resigned and not been at the last three board meetings, nor complied with a request to meet at the bank to complete a new signature card required by the bank, a new treasurer should be elected as well. Board policy requires the treasurer be a signer on the checking account along with the district clerk and the superintendent. A new signature card needs to be completed at the bank for the District to implement this policy. Sandra Redfern nominated Jeff Grover as Board Chairman. Joe Riehl seconded. Passed unanimously. Mr. Riehl nominated Henry Schwartz to the position of Vice-Chairman. Sandra Redfern seconded. Passed unanimously. Mr. Schwartz nominated Sandra Redfern Treasurer of the Board. Mr. Riehl seconded. Passed unanimously.

Since Mr. Mastne has not sent his resignation letter as he said he would, Mr. Riehl moved that Chairman Grover send a letter requesting it so that the Board will be able to function with the full public representation allowed. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.