

**CORBETT WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
Written Summary
March 16, 2010**

Board members present: Jeff Hargens, Robert Gaughan, Robert Churnside (Victor Schmidt arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

Staff present: James Jans, Shanti Kraai, Pamela Volk.

Audience members present: Klaus Heyne, Dave Mysinger, Robert Churnside, Brian Lee, John Volk, Malcolm Freund, Barbara Adams, Sandra Rich, Sue Fry.

Chairman **Jeff Hargens** called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

James Jans would like account 8595-00 to be added to item 5, leak adjustments, due to circumstances beyond the staff member's control. **Robert Gaughan** made a motion to approve the agenda as modified, **Robert Churnside** seconded, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Robert Gaughan made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 16, 2010, **Robert Churnside** seconded, passed unanimously.

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS

6990-00: This customer had a large leak that was repaired the same day it was noticed. **Robert Gaughan** made a motion to adjust the units from the January/February bill to the average usage prior to the leak, 10 units, **Robert Churnside** seconded, passed unanimously.

9825-00: This case was viewed as a hardship due to the extensive repairs required to fix the leak in the water line. **Robert Gaughan** made a motion to adjust the units from the November/December water bill to the average usage prior to the leak, 19 units, **Robert Churnside** seconded, passed unanimously.

8595-00: This customer had a leak in a water line that is no longer in use. **Robert Gaughan** made a motion to adjust the units from the July/August 2009 water bill to the average usage prior to the leak, 3 units, **Robert Churnside** seconded, passed unanimously.

PACE ENGINEERS: PRV GENERATION UPDATE

Brian Lee states the pressure reducing valve (PRV) information gathered by Pace Engineers has been sent to Mead and Hunt for analysis. In their preliminary response, they showed five possible PRV's that would be adequate for hydro generation. They will give a more extensive response in their final analysis including the cost vs. income. **Brian Lee** states it will cost the District about \$3,000 per kilowatt to install a hydro generator. One hydro generator will provide the District an income of about \$4,000 per year. As well as this income, the District will be able

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PACE ENGINEERS: PRV GENERATION UPDATE – (Cont.)

to sell the tax credits we will receive from the operation of the hydro generator. The Energy Trust of Oregon may provide a matching fund grant for this project. The hydro generator equipment should last around 15-20 years. The District may also install a 20hp hydro generator on the raw water intake at the treatment plant, which could offset the electricity charge.

Brian Lee provided the members of the board a cost estimate for construction and engineering for the repair of Reservoir 2 (Cabbage Hill). Please see attached for estimates. **Brian Lee** states that the percentage of the engineering cost vs. construction cost seems higher compared to prior projects because, due to the economy, construction prices are at a low. He states that he could reduce the engineering fee from \$25,700 down to \$22,000. **Jeff Hargens** states that if we get bids now for construction, before prices increase in the summer, we would not have to begin the construction work until July 1st, when we will be in the next budget year. **Brian Lee** states the construction will take place over the course of 6 weeks. **Robert Churnside** was wondering if we will be able to provide an adequate water supply if the reservoir is not functioning during the summer months. **Jeff Hargens** states it is a risk, however it is better to repair the reservoir in the summer months because we run the risk of the reservoir completely breaking if we wait until winter. **Robert Gaughan** made a motion to have Pace Engineers proceed with engineering services on Reservoir 2 for the amount of \$22,000 and to put the project out for bid, **Robert Churnside** seconded, passed unanimously.

BLM MEETING SUMMARY

Please see attached for the summary of the meeting held on February 22, 2010 between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Corbett Water District. **Brian Lee** states the BLM issued the District a copy of their Spec book. The BLM states they will have two turbidity monitors in use during the tree thinning process. **Sue Fry** states the tree thinning will take place in summer, and turbidity will not be present until winter. She would also like it known to the board that a new road will be constructed with the length of 1.5 miles. **Klaus Heyne** read verbatim from the BLM “Gordon Creek thinning I timber sale EA OR 080-07-08” that the number one priority for logging is to provide financial profit for the government, and further down the list is to protect Corbett’s water source. **Jeff Hargens** states that the District is on BLM property, they are not on ours and we do not have much say in what they can or cannot do. **Barbara Adams** states the BLM has a horrible track record. She would like to know if there is any way to stop them from logging other than filing a lawsuit. **Brian Lee** states the only real protection the District can receive is through a watershed protection plan. He says that the watershed in The Dalles is completely closed, no vehicles can enter and only people with permission are allowed in. He states it is not difficult to get, however it is very time consuming. We would have to get all the property owners in the watershed area to agree in writing with the protection plan. The State of Oregon would get involved in this if we decide to pursue it. **Jeff Hargens** states if we want private property owners to not remove certain trees that could affect our watershed we would probably have to purchase them. **James Jans** states that our structural lease with the BLM is up for renewal in September 2012. **Brian Lee** states the BLM will be cutting the trees by chainsaw, no large equipment will be used for the tree removal.

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BLM MEETING SUMMARY – (Cont.)

Klaus Heyne recommends the District present a document to Congressman Earl Blumenauer and State Senator Ron Wyden, stating the District would like more protection for our watershed. He believes the government representatives would assist with this issue if the water district presented their concerns in writing. He states we should try to get BLM to delay sale 2 and 3 until we can review the results of sale 1. **Robert Colclessor** states that if the BLM does not follow all the specs it would be a good idea to contact the government representatives. **Jeff Hargens** states that the District will need to monitor our water during the tree thinning process as well as afterwards, and not leave it up to the BLM to perform this task.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary/Treasurer Financial Reports: **Jeff Hargens** made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, **Robert Gaughan** seconded, passed unanimously.

Managers Report: See attached.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

Robert Colclessor states the meter at the Corbett School was originally moved from their property line while helping repair a leak on the service line. Multnomah County states this type of work requires a licensed plumber to install pipe past the meter on privet property so the Corbett Water District's crew moved the 2" meter inside the grass area, well within the School District's property because no permit was issued at that time. **James Jans** states the District has returned the meter to its correct site, located in the utility easement near the street.

UNFINISHED ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Victor Schmidt suggested switching one of our office telephone lines to X-Jack to save money on the phone bill, which is averaging \$300 per month. **James Jans** states that the charge for the actual phone line is not very expensive, it is mostly taxes and monthly fees.

Victor Schmidt would like to know if our vaults are locked and secured. **James Jans** states they are screwed down with a pentagon shaped nut, which requires a special tool to open. **Robert Churnside** would like to know if he is concerned about them freezing. **James Jans** replied he has no concerns with the issue of freezing.

Robert Gaughan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **Victor Schmidt** seconded, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.