

Corbett Water District
Regular Monthly Water Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Grover. Board members Ed Kalberg and Henry Schwartz, were present. Also present were Superintendent Randy Stark and District Clerk Carol Quinn. There were several visitors in attendance.

Mr. Kalberg moved the minutes of the last meeting be approved as read. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously

There was a brief discussion of the TSCC letter regarding the review of the 2000-2001 Budget. No action was taken at this time as this can be completed at the Budget Hearing, which will be held next month.

Mr. Stark suggested the Board wait until the June meeting to transfer funds from Contingency to Personal Services since the additional funds won't be needed until the end of June. The Board agreed.

Mr. Stark advised the Board the District has been installing double check valves when installing new meters for the past couple of years. In the last newsletter, we requested proposals to test these devices. We have received three proposals: one from Womak Water Works, one from A & E Drilling, and one from Northwest Backflow. After reviewing the proposals it appears the most cost effective proposal came from Northwest Backflow when considering repair. Therefore, the backflow testing program was awarded to Northwest Backflow. They will start testing later this month or in June. At this time we have approximately 106 devices that need tested.

Mr. Stark reminded the Board the reserve fund titled Capital Improvement- Headworks Projects has nearly run its original ten-year period and will expire March 12, 2001. Since the storage reservoir has not yet been completed, Mr. Stark submitted to the Board Resolution No. 2000.05b for the purpose of extending the term of this fund for an additional ten years to continue to save money for this project. The Board reviewed the Resolution and Mr. Kalberg moved the Board approve the Resolution. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Stark advised the Board that the District has investigated the purchase of a compact truck for the purpose of meter reading. After this research, it has been determined the best value may be buying a used truck from a private party or dealership rather than a new truck. Since it would not be practical to conduct a competitive bid for a used truck, Mr. Stark asked the Board acting in its position as the Local Contract Review Board to pass a Resolution No. 2000.05a exempting the District from the competitive bidding requirements. The said exemption is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or substantially diminish competition for public contracts and the purchase of the said product pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the District. Mr. Kalberg moved the Resolution be approved. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Stark asked the Board to consider holding a Public Hearing in July for the purpose of considering a rate increase. It could be held in June if the Board preferred. There will be a Public Hearing at the June meeting to cover the 2000-2001 Budget. The Board agreed to schedule the Hearing to consider the rate increase in July. However, the Board should start the discussion concerning a tax proposal at the June meeting. The deadline for getting such a proposal on the November ballot is thought to be in August. Additional sources of income are necessary for the proposed projects.

Mr. Grover requested Mr. Stark contact the individuals or companies necessary to get information on the possibility of the leasing property for cell phone towers on District property. This could be an alternate source of income.

Mr. Stark informed the Board there had been 26 applications received for the position of District Clerk. He anticipates the selection process to be completed by next week with a new clerk to be hired by June 1 at the latest.

Mr. Grover announced the Board would discuss the appointment of a commissioner to fill the vacant position that resulted from the resignation of Jim Mastne. Two candidates, Ken Blanc and Jim Curry, had indicated they were interested in the appointment. Mr. Kalberg asked Barbara Gideon if she would consider the appointment since she had demonstrated an interest in the administration of District business. Ms. Gideon declined such an appointment at this time. The Board interviewed both candidates, Jim Curry and Ken Blanc. Following the interviews the Board voted for the candidate of choice. Mr. Blanc received two votes and Mr. Curry received one vote. Mr. Blanc was appointed to the position and sworn in as commissioner to the vacated position.

Under audience comments, Barbara Gideon questioned whether the staff was going to have a pre-purchase inspection of the used truck. Mr. Stark answered the District has discussed such a possibility, but since no truck has been found no decision has been made on that option.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.