

The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Peter Grant at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Joe Riehl and Henry Schwartz. Also present were Dist. Engineer Tom Tye, Supt. Vance Hubbard, Ass't Supt Randy Stark, District Clerk Carol Quinn, and two visitors Cloudy Sears and August Fromuth.

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

Mr. Hubbard advised the Board that he and Mr. Tye had gone to Small Claims Court to settle the District's claim with Arndt Construction Co. The judge assigned a mediator to work with the two parties to try to arrange a settlement without the necessity of issuing a judgment. Mr. Arndt was supposed to attend this Board Meeting to present his case for some reduction in the amount. However, he has not arrived. The mediator suggested that the Board allow Mr. Arndt to work off the money owed. This would allow the District to at least receive some value for its claim since a judgement is no guarantee that the money would be paid. It appears that Mr. Arndt does not have the funds to pay at this time. Mr. Hubbard advised the Board that the District does have work that Mr. Arndt could do. The headworks road needs graded and the road to the Wand Road reservoir needs cleared. The District has received a schedule of charges for equipment from Mr. Arndt. He charges £75.00 an hour for the grader. Mr. Riehl moved that the Board trade labor and equipment to pay off the \$2,050.00 owed by Arndt by having the headworks road graded within the next 30 days; any remaining balance would be open for future projects. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

Mr. Tye advised the Board that the dispute between Emery & Sons Const. and Gresham Sand and Gravel is not settled. He will suggest that they meet for mediation to solve this issue.

Ms. Sears presented ideas, suggestions and information to the Board. She said Mr. Fromuth had a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding for Ashland Watershed that might be helpful in drafting a Memorandum between Corbett Water Dist. and the USFS. She said that there are meetings in the City of Portland regarding big changes in how they would like the Bull Run Watershed administered including no logging of green trees, how much if any blowdown, and requiring the USFS to offer burden of proof that logging is necessary to improve quality and quantity of water. Perhaps such criteria should be included in the memorandum between the District and the USFS. She mentioned that there are some fund sources for legal fees for water quality requiring watershed management plans. There is a possibility of hiring a consulting firm or part time staff person educated in the field or involving an educational institution with a hydrology department to help establish a management plan. She submitted an incident report involving a recent hiking trip she was on along the Camp A Loop Road in which the group she was with encountered a couple removing rocks from the berm placed across an access road-- they were going to use them for landscaping. Later they met two fellas riding ATVs within the closed area and still later they met two more people on motorcycles. So, the gates are having some effect but are not entirely successful and this needs to be corrected. Ms. Sears along with four USFS employees, 2 EPA employees, Edith & Jim Mastne, and Randy Stark comprised a group that went to the quarry site on May 1 for the purpose of finding three spots to test for soil contamination. These will be cursory samples involving a leeching test and testing for lead. If any contaminants are found, other tests will be done. The EPA will notify us of specific recommendations and the USFS will bid out the testing. There were students in the area that day planting trees

under the power lines. Mr. Smart said the FS plans to do some planting. There are tree planting programs available. There are some bad erosion problems in the south fork area and there needs to be some tree planting to combat and correct this erosion. The District should work with the FS to determine which areas are a priority. Perhaps matching funds in either cash or labor, community involvement, inter-agency cooperation, educations programs/projects with the schools (such as incorporating this with their study of the rain forest) would be possible in developing a watershed management plan. In addition to planting trees, maybe there is a need to dig some drainage, rock some areas and establish some large stump piles. The chemicals that were found at the clean-up are used in meth labs as well as other things. There was minimal danger to water contamination in this particular case because they were found quite a distance away from the creeks. The next meeting of the Guardians of Larch Mountain will be June 10. The Guardians have asked the FS to document the garbage collected at the recent clean-up.

There was some discussion of the necessity to develop the South Fork as soon as possible for use by the District. Water regulations will make it more difficult to appropriate water for use in the future. If you don't currently use it, you will probably lose the right to use it. There is also a necessity to begin testing the water, since water should be tested for a year before it can be used as part of our system. The Fish & Wildlife Dept. is after water rights. The District needs to obtain a right of way through Frank Lumber property in order to put in a pipe line from the South Fork. Mr. Stark will be in contact with them regarding this.

Mrs. Sears went to a recent AWWA convention which discussed the need for conservation. They suggested that Districts might promote incentives like faucet aerators, low-flow shower heads, and water use auditors. She also informed the Board that she felt that the Board and Budget Committee were wrong in not having mobile phones for District personnel not only for convenience and service but also for safety purposes in the event of a chlorine leak or injury in the field. They should have a phone available to call for help.

The Board received a Line-Extension Agreement prepared by our lawyer regarding the Knieriem Road extension for the Maxsons. It was signed and work will begin as soon as funds are deposited.

A letter from the TSCC was read certifying the Budget as submitted without correction or recommendations. A Public Hearing for the Budget will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the next Board Meeting, June 9.

Mr. Hubbard advised the Board that the District staff was not pleased with the way the Budget Committee meeting was conducted last month. The staff felt that the committee should have asked whether and why a particular item was requested rather than arbitrarily deciding it was not necessary without any discussion with the employees who requested it. It was mentioned that some changes, as long as they do not amount to more than 10 per cent in a category, could be made at the Budget Hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.