

**CORBETT WATER DISTRICT
2003-2004 BUDGET HEARING**

Chairman Ed Kalberg called the 2003-2004 Budget Hearing to order at 8:10 p.m. Board members, Ken Blanc, Steve Wilson, Jeff Grover, and Henry Schwartz were present. Also present were Superintendent Randy Stark and District Clerk Kathie Cicerich were present.

Community members present were Torey Redfern, Marc Caldwell, Gordon Fulks, Barb Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Colclessor, Barb Giddeon, Dave Tobie, Don Sturm, and Chris Winters.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY PERTAINING TO THE BUDGET

Dave Tobie commented on the District purchasing a new backhoe. He asked if the current trailer is big enough to haul a larger backhoe or will it require the purchase of a larger trailer. Mr. Stark said the current trailer would likely be capable of hauling a larger backhoe. Gordon Fulks raised the possibility of purchasing a used backhoe verses a new one. Comments continued from the public with regards to the backhoe.

Dave Tobie asked if District Employee's can install new water lines themselves or does it need to be contracted out. Mr. Stark discussed the prevailing wage law in Oregon and how it applies to the District putting in pipe them selves. Employee's can lay pipe, but if the District hires one outside person to work on the job, flagger's for example, and the job is \$25,000 or more, the District would then have to pay every person prevailing wages.

Barb Adams passed out a handout with water rate information she gathered from other Water District's. Don Sturm talked about being a farmer and using large amounts of water and raised a question about possibly implementing a farm rate for farmers. Conversation continued around this subject and also water demand in summer months.

The Budget Hearing ended at 8:35 p.m.