

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Board Secretary/Treasurer Jim Mastne. Board members present were Peter Grant and Henry Schwartz. Also present were USFS representative Alan Smart, Jeff Grover, Dist. staff Torey Redfern, Jan Leckron, Supt. Vance Hubbard and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn.

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

Mr. Smart updated the Board on what is happening with the Forest Service with regard to the water district. He said that the office probably won't move to Zig Zag until about November 1, 1996. There are plans for some reorganization of the Mr. Hood Nat'l Forest but the boundaries in this area will remain the same. The problem issues that the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area will be addressing with regards to Larch Mt will probably not be addressed until August due to the flood damage. As mentioned before, there was some blowdown in the watershed that should be cleared soon if it has not been done already. They are hoping to get the road surfacing done along the south fork by the power line completed soon as the weather permits.

Mr. Hubbard informed the Board that the district has established an emergency pager system and number for after hours duty problems within the district. Mr. Redfern handed out information to the Board members regarding compensation at other districts for on-call pager status. They are paid for being on-call since they must remain in the area and available for work. Board members present agreed that this was fair but favored waiting until all Board members were in attendance before making a decision. Mr. Mastne suggested that they could make the decision retroactive since the emergency pager system is in service now. Mr. Redfern suggested that perhaps the District should consider payment of \$50.00 a week for weekdays plus \$25.00 a day for weekends plus compensation for actual calls. There will be further discussion held next month.

A letter from the TSCC was discussed certifying the budget as submitted with some recommendations to be considered before the final budget is adopted after the June 11, 1996, Public Hearing.

Mr. Hubbard advised the Board that he has been contacted regarding the use of the District parking lot for the beer garden at the July 4 festival as was done last year. He noted that there had been no complaints and that those in charge had been very responsible for preparation and cleanup. Mr. Grant moved and Mr. Schwartz seconded that the group be allowed to again use the parking lot as last year with them being responsible for setup, cleanup and insurance. Passed.

At 8:00 p.m. the Public Hearing was held to consider the rate increase. Mr. Alan Stokes and Mr. Richard Weill came for the Hearing. Also there were two letters received - one from Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mansfield and one from Robin Lindeen-Blakely. Mr. Stokes asked the Board to consider a System Development Charge for the capital improvements the district needs to make or at least a time limit on the rate increase if it is to cover a specific project. Mr. Weill and Mr. Grover asked the Board if they had considered a bond or serial levy to cover the cost of the improvements which would provide the money sooner to be paid back over time. The Board position thus far has been that user fees are the most fair and that they have not wanted the District to be in debt so they have to pay interest. The Mansfield letter asked for the Board to consider a graduated increase over two years and the Blakely letter was opposed to the increase unless it covered replacement of lines from the meter to the household. No decision was made regarding the increase since those Board Members present wanted the full Board present before such a decision was voted upon.

Mr. Hubbard notified the Board that he had been asked by Steve Adams if the District would be interested in sharing in the cost of a line extension on Reed Road of about 280 feet. Cost of the extension would be \$1765.35 for a 4" line and the cost of the district share would be \$882.62. Mr. Hubbard said that as far as he was concerned it would be of no particular benefit to the District to extend the line. Mr. Adams could get water by putting in a private line from the end of our line to his property by obtaining an easement. The Board felt that if the District would not be benefitted, there would be no need to participate in the extension.

Mr. Grant moved that the bills be paid. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

The next meeting will be June 11 and a Budget Hearing will be held at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.