

**CORBETT WATER DISTRICT
WATER RATE HEARING
Written Summary
May 15, 2012**

Board members present: Robert Gaughan, Sonny Boyd, Robert Churnside, Kevin Wilhelm.

Absent board members: Jeff Hargens.

Staff present: James Jans, Shanti Kraai.

Audience members present: Dave Mysinger, Robert Colclessor, Malcolm Freund, Gordon Fulks, Brian Lee, Gordon Handley.

Vice Chairman **Robert Gaughan** called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Sonny Boyd made a motion to approve the agenda, **Robert Churnside** seconded, passed unanimously.

WATER RATE DISCUSSION

Shanti Kraai states that a water rate increase was discussed at the 2012-2013 budget committee meetings. The budget committee determined that the District could no longer operate the general fund without a rate increase. **Gordon Fulks** questioned why the rate increase will not take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year. **Shanti Kraai** responded that this is due to ordinance compliance. The first reading of the ordinances will take place today, and the second reading will take place at the board meeting to be held on June 19, 2012. However, the ordinances cannot take effect until 30 days after the second reading. It has been decided to start the rate increase at the beginning of a billing cycle as to avoid pro-rating. If both ordinances pass, the new rates will become effective September 1, 2012. **Gordon Fulks** inquired as to the publication process of the water rate hearing. **Shanti Kraai** states that notices were published on the front of the water bills sent out on May 1, 2012, in the Outlook newspaper, on the front office door, the post office, the Springdale store and the Corbett store. **James Jans** states that the base rate increase will be applied towards the payment of the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department loan, and the water rate increase will help fund capital improvement projects. **James Jans** states that the new rates will be \$2.95 per 100 cubic feet of water and \$3.95 per 1,000 gallons of water. The base rate will increase \$0.50 per month, which will raise the monthly base rate charge to \$12.50.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made during the water rate discussion.

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ORDINANCE 2012.05.01: BASE RATE ADJUSTMENT

Sonny Boyd read Ordinance 2012.05.01 aloud. Copies of the ordinance were distributed to all audience members that requested them. This ordinance will increase the bi-monthly base rate to \$25 per billing cycle for ¾” meters and will be pro-rated for larger meters. The ordinance was signed by all present members of the Board.

ORDINANCE 2012.05.02: WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

Sonny Boyd read Ordinance 2012.05.02 aloud. Copies of the ordinance were distributed to all audience members that requested them. This ordinance will increase the water rates to \$2.95 per 100 cubic feet and \$3.95 per 1,000 gallons. The ordinance was signed by all present members of the Board. **James Jans** would like to point out that a 12 oz. bottle of water purchased in a store is \$1, and 1,000 gallons of water from the District will only cost \$3.95 after the rate increase.

UNFINISHED ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Robert Churnside feels that the rates have been fairly adjusted.

Sonny Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **Robert Churnside** seconded, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.