

**CORBETT WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR WATER BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Bob Colclesser. Board members present were Jeff Grover, Jim Mastne and Henry Schwartz. Also present were Jackie Goodling and staff members, Marc Caldwell, Torey Redfern, Supt. Randy Stark, and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn.

The minutes were read and approved as printed. At this time the Board was informed that the City of Troutdale is preparing to remove the last parcel from Corbett Water District which will correct the double taxation situation along the Sandy River on Woodard Rd. Also, the Board was informed that the letter from the lawyer in December regarding moving the meters was reviewed and copies of his advice were sent to the Goodlings and the Klindts.

Jackie Goodling addressed the Board expressing her displeasure at the Board's decision to require they install a new water line at their expense. She considers that Corbett Water District confiscated their line and now we are requiring them to pay for and put in another one. She presented a letter and bill to the Board for the material expenses, not labor, of putting in the water line and then left the meeting.

The Board discussed the letter and bill presented by Ms. Goodling. Much of what she presented was before Rules and Regulations were adopted in 1969-1970 era and there is no written record of what happened. Much of her complaint involves Multnomah County not Corbett Water District. There is no record of their having a complaint when the original meter was installed in 1963 or when the second meter was installed in 1968. The District has maintained what should have been a private line for all these years. It was decided that the letter/bill she submitted should be sent to our attorney for his review to determine if any action needs to be taken.

The District received a Resolution prepared by our lawyer further clarifying the regulation in place, which requires that private line installation cost be borne by the customer when a meter must be moved by the District. Mr. Mastne moved that the Resolution be adopted. Mr. Schwartz seconded. It was passed unanimously. Copies of the Resolution will be made and inserted into the Corbett Water District Rules and Regulations Folder.

Carol Quinn commended the Board on their decision to hire within the District in appointing Randy Stark as District Superintendent at the last meeting. She informed the Board that making such a decision had greatly reduced the tension and chaos that the staff has felt for the past several months.

The Budget Hearing was held at 8:00 p.m. The Board discussed the Budget but there was no public comment. There will be some slight changes due to a change by the state of our permanent rate from .5790 to .5781. However this results in such a minor change that it was not worth changing all the figures when how much we receive in taxes is based on an estimate in the first place. The difference in calculations is probably between \$100 and \$200. The staff is not recommending any changes in the budget at this time even though we do have more information to consider. Staff believes that it will be a workable budget and will monitor expenditures. If we only keep three full-time staff and use summer help, any extra money will be part of next year's cash carryover and can be budgeted in next year's budget. At this time it appears that we have overspent in Capital Outlay but some of the costs we have expended will be reimbursed by PGE and Cascade Utilities on the Woodard Road project.

Randy Stark advised the Board that Mult. Co. has finally approved the application to build an addition to the pipe shed. However, there is no time to get it completed by the end of this fiscal year. In anticipation of not being able to build it during the current year, money has been re-budgeted in next year's budget.

Mr. Mastne moved and Mr. Grover seconded that the Superintendent proceed with the permit process to get the extension built on the shed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Grover moved that the Board adopt the 1998-1999 Budget as approved. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Because the Woodard Road project was much more expensive than originally anticipated, Carol Quinn asked that the Board transfer \$10,000 from the contingency in the General Fund to Capital Outlay expenditure and to transfer

the remaining \$5,000 in contingency in the Capital Improvement Fund to cover additional Engineering expenses to be sure that those costs are covered. Mr. Mastne so moved. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Stark submitted a draft of a letter to District customers advising them of a Public Hearing to be held July 14 for the purpose of allowing public input to a proposal that rates to be raised as anticipated in the adopted *budget*. The letter also provided updated news of some District projects that have been completed, are in process and are in the planning stages. Board members commented that they thought the letter was very well done and very informative. Mr. Mastne moved that the letter be printed and mailed to District customers as presented. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

Mr. Stark gave his work report to the Board members for their review. There was some discussion and explanation of the report and current projects.

Randy explained that the old line on Corbett Hill Rd that served the Goodlings has been abandoned. There has been some erosion at the new South Fork at the intake structure. The District is working with Ken Hood Construction and Compass Engineering to remedy the situation. Part of the problem may be under warranty. Regardless, it is something that has to be fixed. He has asked our engineer to arrange a tour to a glass-lined reservoir for the Board to gather more information for making a decision on the type of storage facility that will best suit our needs.

Randy asked the Board to pass a Resolution establishing a pay schedule policy statement of wages in writing to be included in the Employee Handbook that defines overtime, emergency pager, etc. Mr. Grover moved that the Board adopt the Resolution relating to the General Statement of Wages as prepared.

Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Mastne moved that the bills be paid. Mr. Grover seconded. Passed.

Mr. Redfern requested an Executive Session with the Board. The Board met in Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

The regular Board Meeting was reconvened at 9:50 p.m..

Mr. Grover moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Mastne seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.