

MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2001

Corbett Water District 2001-2001 BUDGET HEARING AND RATE INCREASE HEARING

Chairman Jeff Grover called the Budget Hearing to order at 8:50 p.m. Board members, Sandra Redfern, Ken Blanc, Ed Kalberg and Henry Schwartz were present. Also present were Superintendent Randy Stark and District Clerk Kathie Cicerich.

Guests present: Barb Giddeon, Bob Colclessor, Steve Wilson, Roland Beebe, Jim Mastne, Doug Geller, Dee Olcott, Bard Adams and Gordon Fulks.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS RELATING TO THE PURPOSED BUDGET

Barb Adams would like to see automation upgrades at the treatment plant before a new reservoir is put in. She would like the Board to have an extensive discussion on the Master Plan and Water Conservation Plan when the time comes.

BOARD MEMBERS

Ken Blanc is not comfortable with the \$53,566 engineering cost for a new master plan. Mr. Stark stated this is an estimated cost from the District Engineer. The existing master plan will be used as a starting point to create a new plan. Mr. Kalberg commented the District has a significant number of capitol projects and the Board needs to show good faith efforts towards recognizing them. Capitol projects need to be done and also funded.

Jeff Grover recommended changes to the Budget. Page 3, lines 19 and 20 (reserve fund #60-system improvements) increased to \$60,000 from \$0. Page 3, line 13 (reserve fund #10 - reservoirs) increased to \$3,000 from \$0. Page 1, line 3 (Water Treatment Operator) increase to \$44,102., line 4 (District Clerk) increase to \$31,473., line 5 (Utility Worker II) increase to \$36, 818., line 6 (Utility Worker I) raised to \$27,901. and line 7 (Office Assistant) increased to \$9,560. Line 12 (Overtime & Temp Help) raise to \$24,966. Under Resources, line 6 (Water Sales) raise to \$484,000. Page 1, line 7 (Rate Surcharge) add \$5.00 fee and change revenue from \$0 to \$63,000. Ed Kalberg moved the purposed budget be approved with Mr. Grover's changes. Henry Schwartz seconded. Mr. Grover voted for the

motion. Mr. Blanc did a wage and health insurance coverage comparison with the District's wages against an undisclosed water district. There was discussion amongst the Board members. Board members voting against the motion were Ken Blanc, Ed Kalberg, Sandra Redfern and Henry Schwartz. Motion failed.

Ed Kalberg made a motion to change line 6 (Water Sales) to \$500,000., page 2, line 11 (Engineering & Surveys) decrease to \$2,000., page 3, line 20 (Reserve Fund #60 - System Improvements) increase to \$78,566. Jeff Grover seconded the motion. Mr. Stark informed the Board the Water Resources Department put a two-year extension on their deadline for a new Master Plan. There was much discussion. Board members voting for the motion were Ed Kalberg, Ken Blanc, Sandra Redfern, Henry Schwartz and Jeff Grover. Motion passed.

Mr. Stark read aloud Resolution 2001.06b. This resolution is for the adoption of the 2001-2002 budget. Ed Kalberg made a motion that resolution 2001.06b be adopted as read with the following amendment. Approved by the Budget Committee of Corbett Water District as amended on June 12, 2001. Sandra Redfern seconded the motion. Board members voting for the motion were, Ken Blanc, Ed Kalberg, Jeff Grover, Sandra Redfern and Henry Schwartz. Motion to adopt the 2001-2002 budget passed unanimously.

The Budget Hearing ended at 10:25 p.m.

WATER RATE INCREASE HEARING

Chairman Jeff Grover called the Water Rate Increase Hearing to order at 10:25 p.m. and opened it up for public comment. Bob Colclessor believes a surcharge is needed to fund a new reservoir and pipeline replacement. He would like the District to go with a levy and then drop the surcharge. Mr. Colclessor would like to get rid of the tax base. Mr. Mastne stated that if the District let the public know exactly what the money is needed for, he doesn't think there would be problem getting a bond issued. Mr. Fulks is opposed to rate increases unless he knows money is really going where the District says it is going. He questioned if the District needs the number of employees it currently employs. Barb Giddeon was disappointed with the low public turnout for tonight's hearings. Dee Olcott stated that when money gets cut for schools, positions are eliminated. She said the District should really look at its expenses and make some tough choices.

Mr. Grover suggested charging a base monthly rate for inactive meters. These meters are checked each month to ensure there are no leaks and also to check if any water had gone through during the month. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stark read aloud resolution 2001.06a. Sandra Redfern moved to accept the 25% rate increase effective 7/1/01 per resolution 2001.06a. Ed Kalberg seconded the motion. Budget members voting for the motion were Jeff Grover, Henry Schwartz, Ed Kalberg and Sandra Redfern. Ken Blanc voted against the motion. Motion passed.

Rate increase hearing ended at 10:40 p.m.