

**CORBETT WATER DISTRICT**  
Regular Monthly Water Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Grover. Board members Ed Kalberg, Henry Schwartz, Sandra Redfern and Ken Blanc were present. Also present were Superintendent Randy Stark, District Clerk Kathie Cicerich and retiring District Clerk Carol Quinn. Engineer Phil Smith was present along with Richard Roberts regarding Bond issues. There were a few visitors in attendance.

Henry Schwartz moved the minutes of the last meeting be approved as read. Ed Kalberg seconded. Passed unanimously.

Introduction of the new District Clerk, Kathie Cicerich was made.

Phil Smith the District Water Engineer reported on the strengths and deficiencies in the water system. The strengths are the water source and a good water treatment plant. The deficiencies in the system are not enough finished water storage to supply the community if the water system is shut down. Another concern is regulatory, the water system needs disinfection improvement. The top priority is to have a more substantial finished water storage, which would be a new 3.2 million gallon reservoir at the current water treatment plant.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board of Commissioners held a public budget hearing for the Corbett Water District 2000/2001 budget. Chairman Jeff Grover asked for public comment. Barbara Giddeon commented the purposed budget was fine.

No other public comments were made. The Public Budget Hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Grover reconvened the regular Board Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Richard Roberts presented information on two different types of bonds. The first type of bond is a General Obligation Bond. GO Bonds are sold to a financial institution and paid thru a property tax. The second type of bond is a Revenue Bond, this debt would be based on revenue from the rate payers. The first decision the board must make would be to select which bond program to choose in order to finance a new reservoir and make improvements to the water system.

There is a general election November 7, 2000. We would need to file with Multnomah County a resolution of notice of election no later than 9/7/00. There is an election in September. If the district decided to go with a General Obligation Bond measure, it would require a double majority in the September election, but a Revenue Bond would not require the double majority. The November Election would not require the double majority on either type of Bond.

There are a few types of interest rates at different Financial Institutions. An insured rate is buying insurance to pay debt service. The interest rate in excess of a revenue bond over a GO bond is  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 percent. The reason the interest rate is more on a GO bond is because it is a more secured debt. The interest rate on a 20 year bond would be somewhere between 5 and 6 percent. GO bond interest rate would be 5 to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  percent and a Revenue bond somewhere between  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{3}{4}$  percent.

Mr. Roland Bebee reported results of the backflow testing. He has tested all the devices. 114 devices were tested and 10 of them failed, which results in a  $8\frac{3}{4}\%$  failure rate. All ten that failed were repaired without using extra parts. His final report is expected June 27, 2000.

Randy Stark read the resolution 2000.06b regarding adoption of the 2000-2001 budget as approved by the Budget Committee and noting the recommendations of TSCC. Ed Kalberg made motion to adopt the resolution as read. Sandra Redfern second. Motion was passed unanimously.

Randy Stark read the resolution 2000.06a regarding budget fund transfers. This resolution transfers \$10,000.00 from the General Contingency fund to Personal Services General Fund and transfers \$8000.00 from General Fund(Capitol Outlay) to General Fund (Personal Services). Ed Kalberg made motion to accept Resolution 2000.06a as read. Ken Blanc second the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Randy Stark updated the Board Members on the South Fork Project. Randy went to the South Fork dam with engineer Bob George to examine the flood damage done to the dam some time back. A permit from the Army Corps of Engineers will be needed to work in the streambed. If repair work stays within the rockwork it would qualify for a "maintenance" permit. If concrete walls are poured a "construction" permit would be needed.

Next was the discussion of a cell phone tower. Randy Stark indicated there would probably be negative feedback from the community. People will be bring up health hazards associated with the towers. Scientists say there are no health risks involved living around a tower. Estimated monthly revenue from a cell phone tower is approximately \$600.00 to \$1000.00 a month. Mr. Stark suggested we back off on the matter of a cell tower at this time and focus on the bond measure.

In response to the bond information, the board discussed the need for a Special Board meeting to consider the different bond options. This Special Meeting will be on 6/27/00, 7:30 p.m.

The district will need to hold a Public Hearing before a rate increase can be instituted. Since the 2000/2001 budget is based on a 25% rate increase, that hearing should be at the July 2000 Boarding meeting.

New signature cards were signed to authorize the new District Clerk Kathie Cicerich and Treasure of the Board Ed Kalberg to sign checks with US Bank and to initiate transactions and make inquiries for the LGIP Account.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

