

**CORBETT WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Corbett Water District Building
July 9, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sara Grigsby, Jeff Hargens, Bob Gaughan, Fred Sanchez & Dan Graff

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: District Manager Jeff Busto & District Clerk Gail Griffith

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: David Jacob & Jack Garrison. Linda Hargens arrived at 7:00 p.m. Gordon Fulks arrived at 7:10 p.m.

President Gaughan called the Special Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Recently elected Board Members, Fred Sanchez, Dan Graff and Jeff Hargens recited the Oath of Office. All signed the oath and were given their certificates of election. They were welcomed to the Board with a round of applause.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jeff Hargens made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Sara Grigsby seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. *(5 yes votes: S Grigsby, B Gaughan, J.Hargens, F.Sanchez & D.Graff 0 no votes)*

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FY 2019-2020

Sara Grigsby nominated Jeff Hargens for the position of President. Dan Graff seconded. No other nominations. All were in favor. *(5 yes votes: S Grigsby, B Gaughan, J.Hargens, F.Sanchez & D.Graff 0 no votes)*

Sara Grigsby nominated Bob Gaughan for the position of Secretary. Fred Sanchez seconded. No other nominations. All were in favor. *(5 yes votes: S Grigsby, B Gaughan, J.Hargens, F.Sanchez & D.Graff 0 no votes)*

Jeff Hargens nominated Sara Grigsby for the position of Treasurer. Fred Sanchez seconded. No other nominations. All were in favor. *(5 yes votes: S Grigsby, B Gaughan, J.Hargens, F.Sanchez & D.Graff 0 no votes)*

Outgoing President Gaughan turned the meeting over to newly elected President Jeff Hargens

OUTREACH EDUCATION PROGRAM AND TOUR UPDATE

Sara Grigsby stated there are eighteen signed up for the Treatment Plan tour and vans rented to transport the tour goers. Short discussion of van drivers and logistics for the tour. All community members attending the tour will be required to sign a waiver. They will all be emailed a reminder of the tour on Thursday.

WELL UPDATE AND INFORMATION REVIEW

President Hargens gave an overview of the proposed project. He stated we are considering putting in a well at the intersection of Deverell and Larch Mountain Road. We are part way through the engineering process. We will be having a pre-application meeting with the water master and others of the Oregon Water Resources. This is for the permit to draw water. The water rights will take over a year. We have authorized as a Board, at this point, to go through the permitting process. We have not authorized any money for the construction or financing of the well. We have met with the "One Stop" group that gave us information about financing options. (information was included in Board packet). Jeff Hargens said

he thought the best option was the first option on the One Stop information. It was a 2.88% loan for 30 years. There is also a small amount of grant money. The Board reviewed the information in the Board packet.

Jeff Hargens said the concern right now is that Southfork has not had water this year. There are many factors that could have affected the water source. There has been logging in the area.

Sara Grigsby noted that there is also the option of storage within the well. This is called ASR(aquifer storage recovery). Jeff Hargens stated we can pump treated water into the well and store it there for use at times when we have less water.

There are always risks as to whether we will hit water and/or what quality the water will be.

We will need to have some type of outreach public meeting to hear opinions from the community about the need for a well.

Jeff Hargens noted we do not own the land where are intakes are located. The owner can log in the area.

Sara Grigsby said we need to get the word out about the public meeting and work around the District Manager's surgery.

The District Clerk noted there is a deadline of September 15 for a "letter of intent" for the loan and grant program.

Jeff Busto stated that we are getting more than just a well with this project. We are getting additional storage which we desperately need. More discussion of Aquifer Storage Recovery. Dan Graff explained in more depth about ASR.

David Jacob noted that there is a very small chance that the well will not be able to be used for storage.

Jeff Hargens stated he would like to set the date for a public hearing regarding the well and use the scenario number one from the one-stop meeting. Then at the regular August Board meeting the Board could decide if we will move forward with the well.

The District Clerk asked for clarification as to whether this meeting would include a rate increase? Jeff Hargens said he would like to include information about rates.

Jack Garrison commented that at the first hearing the people need to understand the current situation and the need. It should also be clear that we do not have a definitive cost right now but give a range. He continued that if the water rate is increased that would be based on the individuals use whereas an increase in the base rate will get a lot of push back.

The Board will decide at the meeting July 16th if a public hearing regarding the proposed well will be held on August 6th. The community will be notified through Facebook, the Water District website and postings at the stores and post office. Jeff Hargens made a motion that a postcard will be sent out to all customers when the date is set for the public hearing on the well. Fred Sanchez seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. (5 yes votes: S Grigsby, B Gaughan, J.Hargens, F.Sanchez & D.Graff 0 no votes)

PUBLIC COMMENTS -

None

BOARD MEMBER ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jeff Hargens welcomed the new Board members.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Jeff Hargens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Bob Gaughan seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried. *(5 yes votes: S Grigsby, B Gaughan, J.Hargens, F.Sanchez & D.Graff 0 no votes)*