

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Bill Finney at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Edith Mastne, and Peter Grant. Also present were Forest Service representatives Connie Athman and Alan Smart, District Engineer Tom Tye, Doug Dodd, Susan Fry, August Fromuth, Klaus Heyne, Jim Mastne, and District personnel, Supt. Vance Hubbard, Ass't Supt Randy Stark, Marc Caldwell and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as written.

Connie Athman reported on the US Forest Service decision regarding management of the Gordon Creek Watershed. Selection of Alternative C was made which requires permanent gates which will keep out large motorized vehicles. Snowmobiles will be allowed and all other ORV's and motorcycles will be allowed only under conditions that require a separate environmental analysis for an off-road vehicle plan and trail development, development of designated trails within the watershed and a parking area outside the watershed and development of access routes, staging area, facilities and chemical toilets. These conditions require an outside group partnership and these motorcycles and ORVs will be restricted in the watershed until the conditions are met. Under Alternative C law enforcement coverage will be increased and shooting will still be permitted but will be reduced due to walk-in access, small ORVs or snowmobiles serving as the only entry options. Monitoring will occur to determine if dump sites and sediment producing sites are being contained and are not on the increase. If this site monitoring indicates problems are on the increase and water quality is at risk, in-stream monitoring will be initiated.

Connie also advised the Board that the Forest Service is ready to begin negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Water District for management of the Watershed area. As a starting point she would like to take District employees and the Board to tour the area and identify management concerns. This would take place in the evening so as to accomodate the most people. It was decided to meet either August 5 or 10th at 6:30 p.m. This will be before the next Board meeting. Once a definite date is set, commissioners will be advised.

Mr. Dodd told the Board that the State of Oregon Water Resources Comm. Administrative Rules are going to require a conservation plan, supply plan and long range supply plan to be put together by January 1, 1996. If no plan is submitted, the commission will consider that water is being wasted and the ultimate consequences could be loss of water rights. Such a plan would be based on population, projection, maps, etc. and would include leak repair, water audit and show less than 10 per cent leakage. Mr. Dodd is an employee of the Portland Water Bureau and submitted some brochures that they have to encourage water conservation. Ross Walker at 796-7500 and Cindy Dietz at 796-7421 from the Portland Water Bureau are available for questions about conservation. They also have leak detection technology available. Mr. Dodd also questioned the Forest Service to determine if ORV Clubs use the watershed would they be liable for damage; who would police and enforce the trails and clubs to besure they conform to the requirements and do they have expertise in watershed management in drawing up any agreement with the Forest Service and the Environmental Impact study.

Mr. Heyne registered his dissatisfaction with the USFS selection of Alternative C. He speculated that the ORV Industry will finance the

ORV clubs to encourage use of the watershed area for recreation, and he is very concerned about the damage they could do. He also declared that he felt the Water Board needed to show more leadership, take a stronger stand and more participation in the watershed cleanup and management.

Mrs. Mastne commented that the Board has been working with the Forest Service for some years in trying to get the watershed closed with very little interest from the public until the last few months. A new Water Treatment Plant has been built and paid for with no bonds or additional levys necessary. Also, water issues are becoming more critical and regulations more stringent which are now requiring more attention than previous Boards had to consider.

Susan Fry advised the Board that she was disappointed in the FS decision too. She wondered if there would be a toll fee for use by the ORV clubs.

Forest Service representatives reiterated that at this point the Watershed is closed to all ORV use. They will not be allowed in unless an Environmental Assessment is completed that shows plans and trails are located so as not to harm the watershed; Corbett Water District will be involved in evaluating the sites and if the small ORVs and motorcycles use constitutes a continuing problem, the watershed has priority.

Mr. Hubbard notified the Board that the District had to issue a plea for customers not to do any outside watering for 48 hours at the end of June. This was a result of not being able to supply enough water for customers to use and maintain the reservoirs full. However, after the reservoirs filled again, the District has been able to supply the demand.

Mr. Stark submitted three options for South Fork development. He mentioned that in a study prepared before the Treatment Plant was built all projections for use by the year 2000 had been exceeded except population. During June the District provided 900 GPM for four days which is the limit of our water rights on the North Fork of Gordon Creek. The three options presented will all cost approximately the same amount. The Board will study the suggested options. A deep well near the reservoirs could be considered as a supplemental source whereas developing the South Fork would be both a supplemental and alternative source. Mr. Finney explained that there will be new regulations requiring corridors along streams to be wider going into effect in September. Before any decision is made, the District should wait to see what these new regulations are. Also there is a possibility of using the existing road and the District should check into a travel easement. Mr. Arndt hiked the South Fork with Mr. Hubbard and gave him a verbal bid of \$101,000 for purchase and installation of 10" PVC water line. Frank Lumber would prefer to not have the line; therefore, it is important that the District work carefully and cooperatively with them, endeavoring to disrupt their forest operations to a minimum. A letter will be sent to such effect.

Mr. Hubbard advised the Board that Mr. Arndt has completed the grading that worked off the money he owed the District for uncompleted work at the Treatment Plant.

Mr. Hubbard notified the Board that Frank Windust wanted to have water service to a parcel of land in Howard Canyon. It would require that

a line extension which would also include an easement until it reaches the county right-of-way be installed. Mr. Windust would like to run a private line from the existing end of the line. The Board agreed that a private line would not be permitted and that an extension of the water line across the property would be required.

The Board discussed sending a letter to Frank Lumber thanking them for meeting with the District personnel and assuring them that the District would like to work with them in developing the South Fork in such a way as to cause the least disruption to their forest management.

Mr. Finney asked Mr. Grant to prepare a recommendation as to whether the District should participate in the State Investment Fund for the next Board meeting, August 11.

Rooster Rock requested that the Board consider a further leak adjustment for the large leak they had in May. The District had previously adjusted it to one-half usage. This one-half use was not a great deal more than their normal use. Therefore, the Board declined to adjust the amount further.

Mrs. Mastne reported that local districts can buy equipment and supplies through Portland Water District at a good savings according to Mr. Robinson of Rockwood Water District. District personnel will check into this and verify if it would indeed be advantageous to participate in purchasing supplies in this manner. At this time we have a good supplier who is cooperative in getting us what we need when we need it.

Mr. Fromuth requested that the Board pursue establishing the MOU with the USFS as soon as possible. He believes it is very important to get it done now. He suggested getting a copy of the MOU from the city of Portland for reference.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

