

**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, Joe Riehl, and Henry Schwartz. Also present were staff members Jan Leckron, Torey Redfern, Supt. Randy Stark and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn.

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

Mr. Stark submitted his work report for the Board to review. There was some discussion of the pressure problem on Wand/Hurt Road at Mr. Bell's home. There was also discussion of the installation of the fire protection line for Mr. Motley on Columbia Avenue. Marc Caldwell cut his hand and arm when the back door window broke as he was leaving the building and reached out to stop the door from closing. Mr. Stark expressed the need for a new type of door that would provide a better and a safer entrance and exit. Since the door is located within the big sliding door, it will require a special type of installation. It was suggested that perhaps a sliding door on the outside would be suitable.

Mr. and Mrs. Weber arrived at 8:00 p.m.

At 8:05 Mr. Colclesser announced that the Public Hearing for the rate increase Proposal would convene. There has been no comment made to staff and no correspondence had been received at the office concerning the rate increase proposal. There was no public comment offered at the Public Hearing.

The Board proceeded to discuss the Rate Increase Proposal. Mr. Colclesser expressed that he would like to consider raising the minimum rate more than proposed with the idea to eventually raise rates enough to not use the tax base. User fees would bring in the needed revenue with the possible exception of a special levy requested for specific capital outlay projects. He also expressed that a study needs to be done to compute actual hook-up costs. Mr. Riehl said he thought the Board should not change the proposal as it had been agreed upon by the Board and to change it now might cause a credibility problem with the public. Mr. Grover agreed that the rate increase should be what was stated in the proposal. He felt it is okay to have the tax base. He believes property within the district receives benefit in the form of fire protection from the water district lines whether or not the property has a meter connection for household use.

Mr. Riehl moved that the Board approve the rate increase as proposed to be effective July 1, 1998. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Grover, Mr. Riehl, and Mr. Schwartz voting in favor and Mr. Colclesser opposed.

Mr. and Mrs. Weber commented that they think that Corbett Water District doing a good job and that it has the best water around.

Discussion of the work report was resumed. Mr. Stark explained that he had attended a seminar recently that had a session regarding Backflow/Cross connection. He mentioned that Mt. Scott Water System, like Corbett Water District does not have a lot of commercial or industrial pollution threat, but that the garden hose is the biggest contamination danger. Their backflow/ cross-connection program consists of installing double-check valves on all their meters. Mr. Stark presented a draft of a Resolution for Corbett Water District to adopt a similar backflow/cross-connection program which would provide a double check valve when meters are reset or new ones are installed. This will require an additional charge of \$80.00 on new 3/4" connections, \$95.00 on 1" connections, \$115.00 on 1 1/2" connections and \$150.00 on 2" connections. The District would contract out for the yearly testing required and the water rates would be used to cover the cost for households but commercial accounts would be billed for the testing. This program would increase the effectiveness and transfer the responsibility of protecting the water supply from the homeowners and commercial accounts within the District to the District itself. In time all the meters would be outfitted with these devices. Mr. Grover moved that the Resolution be passed. Mr. Riehl seconded. The Backflow Resolution 1998.07 passed.

Mr. Stark informed the Board that a new regulatory issue called a Consumer Confidence Report will be required that states the District must advise its customers of all the results of all the tests of all the programs required by the EPA through the Oregon State Health Division.

At this time there has been no response from Compass Corporation regarding the BLM or South Fork or the tour to see the glass-lined reservoir. Such a reservoir would have to be pre-fabricated and bolted together. This is a concern for leaks and also there is a concern for how well it might withstand being used for target practice.

Tom Layton arrived at the meeting at 8:50 p.m. He expressed his desire for the fire department and water district to continue to work together on the installation of fire hydrants, etc.

Mr. Riehl moved that the bills be paid. Mr. Grover seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.