

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, Ken Blanc, Sandra Redfern and Henry Schwartz were present. There were a few visitors in attendance.

Ken Blanc moved the minutes of the last meeting be approved as read. Sandra Redfern seconded. Passed unanimously.

Randy Stark updated the Board on the damage that occurred to the South Fork Intake last November. The creek bypassed the dam on the South side and the access road sustained flooding. This has lead to seeking repairs. The Army Corp of Engineers, The Division of State Lands and Multnomah County require permits for these repairs. Bob George from Murray Smith & Assoc. has been working on getting these permits, also he has been working on putting together specifications for this project.

Five contractors were invited to bid on the project. Randy Stark and Bob George took four of the contractors up to the site and went over what work needed to be done. Bids were to be received no later then 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Scott Peterson and Dunn Construction were the only two contractors that submitted bids. Scott Peterson's bid came in at \$8,135.00, Dunn Construction's bid was \$20,800.00. The bid from Scott Peterson came through on fax and was not on the bid proposal documents as presented in the documents. Also there were no signatures. Bob George considered this a non-responsive bid. The second bid from Dunn Construction was a responsive bid. The correct papers were completed and signed. Mr. George presented to the Board, consideration of awarding Dunn Construction the contract.

There was much discussion by the Board on awarding the bid. Mr. Grover asked if the faxed bid by Scott Peterson was lower or higher then Dunn Construction. Mr. George indicated it was substantially lower. There is a difference of \$12,665.00 among the two bids. Since the bid from Scott Peterson is much lower, Mr. Blanc suggested getting a legal answer on if the bid is usable. Mr. Stark indicated he did seek legal advise and was told the Board can except whichever bid is in the best interest of the District. Mr. Blanc asked how far away the Water District was on getting all the required permits to start repairs. The Multnomah County permits

should be received by the end of August. The Corps of Engineers permit allows work in the creek from July 15 thru September 15<sup>th</sup>. If the permits from Mult. Cnty. are not received in time to conduct work in the creek before the 9/15/00 deadline, all contracts will be nil and void. Though this is an emergency situation Mr. Blanc asked if there is any possibility on getting a few more bids. The concern is the dollar difference between the two bids. Mr. Stark stated yes we could go through the bidding process again, but to keep in mind we are on a strict time-line and the first bidding process only half the contractors bided on the project. There just isn't much interest in the job. Mr. Blanc asked how the contractors were selected. Mr. Stark replied the District attempted to select mostly local and that they were contractors the District knew.

Ms. Redfern moved the Board to accept the bid from Dunn Construction contingent on getting the necessary permits to do the work on the South Fork Project. Mr. Schwartz seconded. There was some discussion. The motion passed with Mr. Grover, Ms. Redfern and Mr. Schwartz in favor and Mr. Blanc abstained.

Mr. George asked who is authorized to sign the contract? There was some discussion on this issue. Mr. Stark mentioned he is authorized for Administrative Duties per Board member handbook. Mr. Grover commented the contract doesn't need to be signed until the permits come in. Mr. George indicated that is correct. Mr. Grover stated for several years now there have been comments made about contracts and how the money should be spent. There have been comments that have suggested a Board member sign contracts since the Board controlled how money was spent. Mr. Blanc made motion that any Board member who is available, sign the contract for the South Fork Project repairs. Ms. Redfern seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Grover opened the meeting for audience comments pertaining to the Bid Contract. Barbara Giddeon commented that it was too bad Mr. Peterson didn't have his bid on the correct forms. Ms. Giddeon made comment on the price difference on the two bids and questioned how one bid can come in so much lower. She remarked it didn't seem feasible in her mind.

Next Mr. Stark updated the Board on the Connection fee increase. The District had 7 new connections in July due to the fact that connection fee increases went into effect August 1<sup>st</sup>. The District budgeted \$2,400.00 for new connections fees and \$6,820.00 was collected in the first month.

Mr. Stark discussed the TSCC Public Hearing regarding the \$2.95 million bond measure for the 3.2 million gallon reservoir. Legal requirement is that a public hearing with the Commissioners of the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission be held. Mr. Stark remarked that he would make a short presentation explaining the Bond measure and what it is for. The TSCC will then ask the Board members questions about the measure and then open up to the public for comments. Mr. Kalberg, Mr. Grover and Mr. Schwartz will be attending this public hearing since it requires a Board quorum. The meeting will be held at Reynolds High School's administrative office on 201<sup>st</sup> Avenue at 7:00 p.m. on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is expected to last a half-hour. There will be public notification in the Gresham Outlook.

Mr. Stark told the Board that the hot weather has really stressed the water system. There is a customer on Chamberlain Road who has an extensive irrigation system that draws 35 gallons per minute when in use. Several customers called and said they didn't have any water on the uphill side of Chamberlain Road. Mr. Stark declared a water shortage on this section of Chamberlain road and has limited the water use to 20 gallons per minute. To date there have been no more problems. This section of the water line is budgeted for replacement next spring when the District has the money.

Mr. Stark also advised the Board about the water outage on Cabbage Hill Wednesday night, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This occurred when Ken Kerslake was irrigating down Ogden Road and apparently his crew set up four lines of sprinklers. With the water going out hard and heavy for a significant amount of time it drained the reservoir. By 7:00 a.m. Thursday morning the reservoir was full again. One customer's water wasn't restored until 11:30 a.m. Thursday after flushing air from a fire hydrant. Ken Kerslake agreed he would only run two lines of sprinklers not four. Since then there have been no shortages. Several Board members mentioned they received calls from customers on Cabbage Hill.

Mr. Stark informed the Board that the service truck is ready to be picked up. Employee Torey Redfern will be going to Iowa on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to drive the truck back. The truck will have a Corbett Water District logo put on it in the near future.

Mr. Grover opened the meeting for public comments. Barbara Giddeon said there was nothing to comment about.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.