

MINUTES

CORBETT WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY WATER BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Vice-chairman Bob Colclessor. Board members present were Jeff Grover and Jim Mastne. Also present were Tom Tye, Torey Redfern, Supt. Vance Hubbard and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn.

Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Redfern had to leave to repair a broken meter and were gone for most of the meeting.

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

There was some discussion regarding using the John Deere Gator for reading meters. It is handy during the nice weather. However, the Board determined it should not be used if it is not street legal. Also, if it is street legal, it should be insured as such.

Mr. Grover was sworn in as Commissioner for his new term beginning July 1, 1997. Mr. Grover was elected to complete the remaining two years of the term expiring June 30, 1999, created by the resignation of Commissioner Peter Grant.

As had been agreed at previous meetings, Mr. Mastne moved that the election of Board officers be postponed until the full Board is present. Mr. Grover seconded. Passed.

There was some discussion of Board members attending a workshop presented by The Oregon Association of Water Utilities. It is being presented on several different dates and at several different locations.

Mr. Tye advised the Board of the progress on the South Fork Line Replacement Project and presented two change orders that were required for the project to comply with some additional requirements. The first one referred to matting over the hillside required by the Division of State Lands which resulted in some additional costs. It will be less than \$3,000. Mr. Mastne moved that the Board accept this change order and Mr. Grover seconded. Passed. Mr. Colclessor signed it. The work on the project is pretty well done. At this time we are holding five per cent of the total amount billed for the work done until all parties are satisfied with the job. However, this amount does not include the costs incurred with the second change order which included hauling sand for fill around a section of pipe, an additional culvert and replacing the concrete meter boxes that had been installed but were subsequently broken by their equipment with steel fabricated meter boxes. At this time the retainage is \$12,020.35. Before this retainage is released, Mr. Tye told the Board that he had contacted District lawyer Tom McPherson to ask Frank Lumber for a satisfaction concerning road condition, trees, etc. Mr. McPherson has sent them a letter. Also, we need written releases from the BLM, Division of Public Lands, and other agencies involved along with the District's approval. At this time the meter has not been working properly. Also it does not register in gallons as requested. Mr. Tye asked the Board to review Change Order #2. He wants to be fair but he considers the charge for the steel meter boxes to be too high. Since the construction company broke the original boxes, they would have to replace them anyway. The Board agreed.

Mr. Mastne moved that Mr. Tye adjust the price on Change Order #2, item 3, to reflect the difference between the concrete and the steel boxes. The change order would reflect the cost of the steel boxes less the cost of concrete boxes. Mr. Grover seconded. Passed.

With the completion of the South Fork line replacement project, the Capital Improvement Funds Headworks Project will now be used for a storage facility. At the end of the Budget year this account will have a balance of approximately \$157,000. The Board discussed reservoir options - a pond to hold additional water before the treatment plant for use when there is heavy turbidity in the streams from runoff, etc., and a reservoir after the treatment plant to hold water storage for peak demand and when there is a problem with the system that causes customers on Larch Mt. to run out of water. There was some discussion of the types of funding that could be used to finance a storage facility - saving the cash, a special serial levy, a surcharge on all customers, etc. It would take several years to save the cash. It would take a lot of time and effort and votes to pass a levy especially with the new rules involving 50% of the registered voters required to vote before passage is valid. Courtney Wilton of the TSCC has told us he would be happy to work with the District in pursuing the funding options. Mr. Tye was asked to prepare some preliminary figures and plans for a reservoir. He indicated that he would try to have something for the November meeting

The Board read a letter from Mr. McPherson representing the District to Mr. Weiss informing him that the District had changed its position and would not charge him a line extension fee.

Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Redfern returned. Mr. Hubbard presented his report. He advised the Board that there had been a problem at the Treatment plant which caused customers on Larch Mt to run out of water a couple of times, once when lines were being flushed and once it appears that the meter was plugged by debris.

Mr. Colclessor asked Mr. Hubbard that information like the accident on the South Fork road be included in his report.

Mr. Redfern presented additional information to the Board relating to work that was accomplished last month including fixing a leak and moving a meter on Rohrbach Rd., installed a new gate at the east end of the Treatment Plant, cleaned the intake pond. There have been quite a few leaks fixed already this month.

Mr. Colclessor mentioned that he had wanted know about the projects planned and completed. Mr. Hubbard informed him that there would be a change in the plan that would involve doing some work on Hurlburt Rd.

If the reservoir had been installed, the people on Larch Mt would not have run out of water. Mr. Hubbard told the Board that he had priced a 1,000,000 gallon reservoir for \$500,000 or a 2,000,000 gallon reservoir for \$750,000.

There will be a Board Members Workshop in Clackamas on January 12 which is the closest. Those Board members present indicated that they would like to attend it. Mr. Riehl and Mr. Schwartz will be contacted to see if they also wish to attend and the registrations sent.

Mr. Grover moved that the bills be paid. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.