

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-chairman Jim Mastne. Board members present were Edith Mastne, Joe Riehl, and Henry Schwartz. Also present were Alan Smart, Jeff Grover, Peter Grant, Bob Colclessler, Mr. Bunch, Debbie Muhoberac, District Supt. Vance Hubbard and District Clerk Carol Quinn.

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

Mr. Smart advised the Board that the money for the site investigation is available and the work should begin very soon. He asked if the District's backhoe could be used to take some of the samples if necessary since the ground is hard and rocky. This would be no problem as it would not be needed for very long and Mr. Hubbard could operate it.

There was discussion of the MOU between the Forest Service and the Water District. Mrs. Quinn had not sent the draft copy to the lawyer for review because there had not been official Board action approving it or requesting the review. The current draft contains language that refers to snowmobiles which is no longer relevant and needs to be changed. Mr. Smart offered to redo the MOU Draft with updated language as he has it in his computer. He would then bring it to the office for distribution to the Board members. Mrs. Mastne moved that the updated MOU be sent to the attorney as soon as possible. Mr. Riehl seconded. The Board will hold a work session at the District Office on Saturday, Sept. 24, 1994, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the updated MOU from Mr. Smart. Mr. Smart is invited to attend along with any other interested parties.

Ms. Muhoberac complained to the Board regarding her water use and the amount of her bill. She and her husband, Mr. Brand, believe that the old meter which was removed from their service on Aug. 22, 1994, to be inaccurate because it records more water going through than actually is. The District had checked the meter several times and found the readings to be accurate and there was no appearance of a leak to explain their higher than expected usage. A new meter was installed and verified that there was no leak. Mr. Hubbard talked to Water Metrics and they will test the old meter for \$20.00. The Board agreed that to settle the dispute the meter should be tested. Ms. Muhoberac wants the meter checked and will not pay her bill since she considers the old meter faulty. She also told the Board that they were moving at the end of the month, partly in a result of this water problem and the district interfering between them and their landlords regarding the water, at which time they left the meeting. Mr. Hubbard informed the Board that nearly all (98%) of meters tested record less not more water flow, and that it is not unusual for water bills and use to raise considerably due to outside watering in the hot summer months. Mr. Riehl moved to go ahead with the testing of the meter and charge the customer if the meter test reflects that they used the water. The District will absorb the cost if the meter test shows that the water did not go through as indicated. Mrs. Mastne seconded. Passed.

Regarding the draft of the letter to the DEQ prepared by Board Chairman Doug Dodd, Mrs. Mastne moved that it be sent so the DEQ has on record the concern of the Board regarding the contamination and cleanup, but that it be revised to indicate that the FS has found funds and is proceeding with the testing and cleanup. Mr. Riehl seconded. Passed. District staff will revise the letter and send it to the Board members for their approval before sending it to the DEQ.

The District Audit was submitted to the Board for their approval. As was the case last year also, the Personnel Services Fund was over budget due to sick leave and vacation accrual. Mr. Riehl moved that the District accept the audit. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Passed.

Mrs. Quinn notified the Board that the District has received information from two software companies regarding a new utility billing program which will be necessary if Rockwood Water switches to a new system as they are considering. One company, Diversified Systems Consultants, also submitted proposals for hardware bids to be sent to various companies so the total cost could be figured. The Board agreed and cost comparisons will be considered next month, along with program capabilities, computer equipment, etc.

In answer to Mr. Riehl's question regarding the interest rate on the LGIP rate for funds we have deposited there, it is 4.00373 annually this month.

Mr. Hubbard notified the Board that he is meeting with an appraiser to inspect the South Fork Easement on Wednesday, September 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.