

MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2000

Corbett Water District Regular Monthly Water Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chairman Jeff Grover. Board members, Sandra Redfern, Henry Schwartz and Ken Blanc were present. There were a few visitors in attendance.

Mr. Blanc moved the minutes of the last meeting on September 12, 2000 be approved. Sandra Redfern seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Stark reported on September 26, 2000, the Corbett Water District experienced a violation of drinking water standards. It occurred between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Both chlorinators quit pumping chlorine. It was a mechanical failure. A small plastic part that connects the drive on the meter to the meter head failed. Once the meter head quit turning, the control signal quit generating to the proportional controllers for the chlorinators. Since the controllers received no signals, it read it as a no flow, which caused no chlorination to the water. The problem wasn't discovered until 7:30 a.m. when the automatic dialer called the shop. Mr. Caldwell went up to the treatment plant, discovered the situation and switched the controllers to manual. The stroke was manually adjusted to where it needed to be. For approximately seven hours the water was not chlorinated. A second problem that was encountered was the automatic dialer. It is programmed to dial the shop, employee's home and cell phones when there is problem at the treatment plant. The automatic dialer was only calling the shop. If it had been working properly the employees response time would have been much earlier. The cause of the automatic dialer malfunction is unknown but since then, phone numbers have been re-entered and tested. The meter has been fixed as well.

The Oregon Health Division required public notification on the violation. The public notification was published in the Gresham Outlook on September 30, 2000. Also a flyer was enclosed in the District's Waterline Direct newsletter that was mailed out to all Corbett Water customers on October 6, 2000. The District had been in contact with the State Health Division and they are satisfied with how this

situation has been handled. Mr. Grover asked if we had any complaints from water customers after the public notification and we have not.

Mr. Stark reported 6 water leaks in September that were repaired. Three of the leaks were polybutylene lines.

Mr. Grover opened the meeting up for audience comments. Barbara Giddeon asked if the phone lines on the automatic dialer were periodically checked up at the treatment plant. Mr. Stark replied not periodically enough maybe.

Mr. Blanc asked what the legal fees on the monthly financial report were related to? Kathie Cicerich brought in the monthly invoices and showed Mr. Blanc the fees were from legal advice from the Water Districts Attorneys. Mr. Blanc commented that the Board used to see a list of bills for the month and approve them. He would like to see a list of bills for each month in the future. Mr. Blanc feels the Board is responsible to the public on where the money is going, or should the Board even care as long as the District stays within what the Board budgeted for the year. Mr. Grover replied that the Board quit requesting the list of bills last year but could not remember why. Mr. Stark was asked if he remembered why and he didn't. Mr. Blanc stated he feels the Board is kind of on the lazy end so to speak at times. He commented the Board sits and lets Mr. Stark which he appreciates, give the Board all the information for the month that is on the Work Report. Then each Board member is given a copy of the monthly financial report and Mr. Blanc can see things are getting moved across the lines. Mr. Blanc said if someone asked him what went on last month at the Water District he really wouldn't know. Mr. Blanc asked if he was out of line in asking to look at the bills. Mrs. Cicerich and Mr. Stark both replied he was not and there was no problem in providing him with information he requests. Kathie Cicerich stated she could print out a monthly report from QuickBooks that would support Mr. Blanc's request. It was decided this matter would be put on the agenda for the November 2000 Water Board meeting.

Mr. Grover asked Mr. Stark how the repair work at the South Fork intake held up under the recent heavy rains? Mr. Stark commented he was up there yesterday just for that reason and everything looked good.

Sandra Redfern moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Blanc seconded. Passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.