

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman H. C. Ziegler. All Board Members, Bill Finney, Pete Place, Henry Schwartz and Don Vaughan, were present. Also attending were Bill Leipper, Supt. Vance Hubbard, Ass't Supt. Randy Stark, and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn.

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

Mr. Leipper had a complaint with the fact that his water meter was moved from its previous location approximately 20 feet. He had called the district to request that the meter be lowered so he could build a retaining wall and widen his driveway. He was told that the cost would be approximately \$35.00. When Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Stark arrived to do the work, they decided that it would be in the best interests of the district and would be completely out of the way if they moved the meter about 20 feet down the road next to another meter. This would make it more convenient and faster to read them. The cost including fittings and 20 feet of copper pipe was \$39.00. No labor was charged since it was to the advantage of the district to move it to the new location. Mr. Leipper was very upset that the meter was moved without his permission and he did not want to pay for the additional pipe and maintenance. The Board informed him that the meter was the property of the district. The copper pipe was buried deep and should require no maintenance. Nevertheless, Mr. Leipper was adamant that the meter be moved back where it was originally located on the county right of way that he maintains as his driveway. He informed the Board that it was more convenient for him to read the meter there. The Board agreed to waive the charges on the relocation but the meter would stay where it was. The meter is not installed for the convenience of the customer to read. They were sorry that Mr. Leipper did not agree with the judgement call that had been made at the time the work was done. Mr. Leipper wanted to pay the \$35.00 but have the meter moved back and he informed the Board that he did not intend to maintain the extra 20 feet of line. The Board informed him that the line was his to do with as he wished, but the district would be responsible for water service to and including the meter.

The Board idscussed a further water bill adjustment for Melvin Wingerd. He had planned to attend the meeting but didn't. In July they had a leak that amounted to a bill of \$169.90. The office adjusted the amount to 1/2 usage which was \$87.10. Mr. Wingerd fixed the lead as soon as they were advised. The Board agreed that they be charged the same for July as they were charged for August which was \$45.10. Mr. Finney so moved. Mr. Vaughan seconded. Passed.

The Board discussed the audit contract in the amount of \$3,500 which is up \$300 from last year. It was decided to accept the contract this year but to get quotes next year before deciding on the audit. The Fire District has a new auditor this year who charged considerably less than the previous one.

There was some discussion of what to do with the additional funds that have accumulated in our savings and checking accounts over the \$100,000 which FDIC insures. It was decided that the funds should be deposited in another bank, possibly in a \$100,000 CD for one year

if the interest rate is considerably better. It will be alright to somewhat deplete our checking and savings because we will be getting approximately \$25,000 from taxes at the end of November and December.

Mr. Vaughan mentioned that Chris Wagner may be interested in purchasing some of our scrap metal if the district is interested in getting rid of it.

Mr. Finney notified the Board that the BLM had sent the papers to begin the transfer of a 200' x 600' (apx. 3 acres) parcel of land with a 25 year lease to the district to build the water treatment plant on. They will do an environmental impact statement study. Since it is federal land, the district will not have to get a zone change to build the plant there. Representatives met with the staff and Mr. Finney and Mr. Ziegler inspect the parcel. They were very helpful and cooperative.

The Board asked that arrangements be made to tour the Vancouver Treatment Plant Manufacturer and that it be at such a time as Rick Robinson may accompany them. A date in November will be scheduled if possible on November 11 or that week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.