

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman H. C. Ziegler. Board members present were Bill Finney, Pete Place and Henry Schwartz. Also present were Marge Etheridge, Nancy Burbach, Supt. Vance Hubbard, Ass't Supt. Randy Stark and Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn.

The minutes were read and approved as printed.

Mrs. Etheridge requested that the Board consider adjusting her bill due to a leak. They fixed it immediately upon discovering that a pipe had broken. Mr. Finney moved that the bill be adjusted to the same as last month. Mr. Place seconded. Passed.

There was some discussion about whether the District should consider to locate pipes and leaks for customers as the responsibility for maintenance by the District ends at the meter. However, it was concluded that it was good public relations to help customers whenever possible to locate the pipes or leaks. However, if they were unable to do it at that time, customers should be advised to begin attempting to locate them on their own. The District will not fix the leaks and Vance need not look on his own time. Also, if customers have been advised to replace their line due to frequent leaks, the District need not continue to help them locate them if they do not replace the pipe. The Board discussed the leak adjustment request from Ron Bates but decided that they would not consider any adjustment until the leak was fixed. His leak is under asphalt and he has been waiting for the fellas to get a pipe locator to find so they can locate the leak with the leak locator. Nancy Burbach discussed her leak and what to do with her meter. Originally the meter was installed at their house and the District put in a line under the road. The Burbachs requested the meter be moved across the street to property they had so they could have water to cattle in the field. By so doing the line under the road reverted to the Burbachs. The line under the road now has a leak. The land is now for sale and the cattle are no longer there. The house is also for sale. The Board discussed whose responsibility the leak under the road is and decided that since the District installed the line, they would fix the leak. They also decided that the meter would be moved back to the house. If someone wants water to the property, they will have to make application for a new service. Mrs. Burbach's bill will be adjusted to 35,000 which was the amount of water used last October. The Board discussed the bill for Beverly Gonzalez which increased by 19,000 during September for no apparent reason. No leak was found and use is back to normal. The Board agreed to adjust her bill to average use. A letter from the Safranskis was read requesting further adjustment of their August bill. It had been adjusted at meter reading time because it appeared that some of the water used might be due to a leak on the District's side. However, after checking it appeared that this did not happen. The Board felt that the bill had been adjusted fairly and no further adjustment would need to be made. Mr. Schwartz had a leak in August which involved a valve getting stuck open on his sprinkling system. He advised the Board that he did use a lot of water. After discussing his use, it was decided that his bill would be lowered from 460,000 gallons to 399,000 gallons which was what he used in June, 1986, which he also used a lot of water to irrigate his fields. An adjusted bill will be sent to those customers who need one.

The Board was reminded that they have a tour of a Water Tech Treatment Plant scheduled for Nov. 18 at Castle Rock, Wash. and a tour of the manufacturing plant following in Vancouver. They will meet at the District office at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Ziegler requested that the clerk check on the requirements of who is authorized to sign District checks.

Mr. Hubbard requested that the Board approve the District purchase a new pipe locator. The old one no longer works and he has been unable to find anyone who is able to repair it since it is so old. In the meantime the District needs a pipe locator. Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Stark have researched various locators available and have narrowed their choice to two. One is very much like the old one and costs about \$550.00 and the other is a digital model which is much more accurate and easy to operate which costs about \$1,735.00. After discussion the Board authorized them to purchase the model #310 for \$1,735.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.