

**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, Ed Kalberg and Ken Blanc were present. Also present were staff members Superintendent Randy Stark, District Clerk Kathie Cicerich, Water Treatment Operator Marc Caldwell and Jan Leckron. There were several visitors in attendance.

Mr. Blanc moved the minutes of the last meeting on October 10, 2000 be approved. Sandra Redfern seconded. Passed unanimously.

Visitor Sue Fry expressed concern on having to be put on the agenda in order to make comments during the meeting. She expressed this has caused a feeling of distrust in the community and would like to see the meeting opened up more for audience comments during the Board meeting without being on the agenda. Chairman Jeff Grover made comment that he would find it very confusing to have the Board meeting open for audience comments throughout the meeting. He was elected by the Community to serve. Mr. Grover stated that during the last four or five Board meetings, there were only one or two visitors in attendance and has always asked for audience comments. Ms. Fry expressed that the 3.2 million gallon reservoir bond measure didn't pass due to lack of discussion. Mr. Grover stated he didn't recall seeing Ms. Fry at any of the last five or six Board meeting.

Mr. Blanc asked if a Board member could add items to the agenda the night of a meeting. Mr. Grover replied that he has always left it open for Board members to discuss an item not on the agenda, as long as it not be extremely long and the other Board members agreed to discuss it. Mr. Kalberg suggested after the minutes have been approved from the previous meeting, to then ask if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. The reason the Board is given an agenda a few days before the meetings is so they can prepare, research and get community input about items on the agenda. Mr. Grover and Mr. Blanc thought Ed Kalberg's suggestion was good.

Mr. Colclessor shared some information with the Board. He read a paragraph from the September 2000 WaterLine Direct Newsletter regarding the flood in February 1996. Mr. Colclessor also talked about minutes from February and March 1996. He had been in contact with Linda Burtlehaus from TSCC regarding local option levies for a new reservoir. He submitted an e-mail printout to the Board members regarding the information Linda Burtlehaus provided him with.

Randy Stark reported on the November Election Results regarding the \$2.95 million reservoir bond. The measure failed and the unofficial election results were, 670 yes votes and 836 no votes. The financing of the reservoir is at the pleasure of the Board. The Board needs to make a decision if they want to pursue another Bond Measure. The next election is March 13, 2001. There was much discussion by the Board on whether to aim for the March Election. The Board tentatively decided to aim for the May 15, 2000 Election. This will give the Board members several meetings to discuss what direction to go in and also allow for community input. The Board meeting for December 12, 2000 will be posted in the Gresham Outlook and other locations to invite the community for further input on financing a reservoir.

Mr. Stark reported on his meeting with Art Arroyo who is with BLM regarding land acquisition up at the Treatment Plant to make room for a new reservoir. Putting a reservoir on the 3 acres the Water District currently leases from BLM would be a tight fit but it is feasible. Three separate sites were chosen for species survey. The sites will be surveyed no less than three times to determine if there is any endangered or threatened species of snails, animals, fungus or plants. If any of these species are found, it is unlikely that any one of the three particular sites would be available for lease. Since one of the sites has been clear-cut, Mr. Arroyo stated it would not be considered habitat. Mr. Stark stated this site would not have adequate pressure due to the lower elevation. Using this site would increase operational cost considerably. Mr. Arroyo stated he would get back to Mr. Stark the first week of December, 2000. There was some discussion regarding the three sites. Mr. Blanc asked about the twenty year lease with BLM and wants this subject on the agenda for the December 12, 2000 meeting. Mr. Grover asked about the cost for another election, and is there enough money in the budget. Mr. Stark stated that only two elections were put in the 2000/2001 budget year. One for the reservoir and the other for Board Member Elections.

Ms. Fry made a suggestion to form a committee and to have the meetings at the Grange or Fire Hall. Mr. Grover stated the Water District conference room has not ran out of room for visitors but invited the other Board members for comment. Mr. Blanc mentioned that after the December 2000 Board meeting to have a Public meeting at one of the halls in January 2001 to inform the community on what direction the Board is heading regarding financing a reservoir. This would allow for community input.

An Expenses by Vendor Detail report and a Transaction Detail by Account report were enclosed in the Board member packets. Ms. Cicerich asked for the Board members input on these two reports. After much discussion it was decided the Transaction Detail report would be included in the Board members packets. The District Clerk will present a quick overview on the expenditures for the month at each Board meeting.

A new signature card was signed to authorize check signing on the new Checking account.

The Special District Elections will be held on March 13, 2000 for Water Board candidates. Candidate packets are available after November 20th. The first day to file for office is December 4th. The deadline for filing with 25 verified signatures or pay a \$10.00 filing fee is January 11, 2000. Sandra Redfern and Ken Blanc's positions are open.

Jan Leckron voiced her concern about office security and safety measures. In the event of a threatening situation there is no means of escape. This concern has been discussed among the employees on several occasions, however Mrs. Leckron felt this matter needed to be brought to the Boards attention. She requested that something be constructed in the front office for safety. There was much discussion regarding putting some type of barrier in the front office. The Board wants suggestions, recommendations and a cost estimate put together for the next gathering.

Mr. Blanc requested that the District get a hold of BLM and find out when the District lease is actually up and if it can possibly be renewed before the last minute. He would also like to know if the lease could be extended for a longer period of time instead of the standard twenty years.

Mr. Blanc was also wanting to know what the result was with the overflows and putting chlorine in the ground. Mr. Stark informed him that the issue has not been resolved as of yet. The District has not yet received a letter, fine or anything else. The District does need to apply for permits, however, DEQ hasn't told the District which ones to apply for.

Mr. Grover opened the floor up for audience comments. Ms. Giddeon expressed that she cannot hear at the meetings. She said she's had her hearing checked and that it's fine. She exclaimed that if more people came to the meeting, it would be a waste of their time as they would not be able to hear.

Ms. Freund explained that she was chairman of the election board. She questioned how many people actually voted on the Bond measure. She explained that some people, because of their location in the District, may have not voted on this item. Ms. Freund suggested that the District Clerk make inquiries in December about the number of people who voted on the bond measure.

At 9:40 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660, Chairman Jeff Grover called the Board into Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent job appraisal.

At 11:00 p.m. Chairman Jeff Grover reconvened the regular Board meeting.

Sandra Redfern moved to accept the Superintendent Job Appraisal for Randy Stark. Henry Schwartz seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Blanc moved the meeting be adjourned. Ed Kalberg seconded. Passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.