

**CORBETT WATER DISTRICT
TEMPORARY BASE RATE INCREASE HEARING
Written Summary
November 18, 2014**

Board members present: Jeff Hargens, Sonny Boyd, Kevin Wilhelm, Robert Gaughan (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

Absent board members: Robert Churnside.

Staff present: James Jans, Shanti Burns.

Audience members present: Brian Lee, David Jacob, Robert Colclessler, Jack Garrison, Marianne Pietras, Barbara Adams, Linda Hargens, Dennis Rogers.

Chairman **Jeff Hargens** called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Sonny Boyd made a motion to approve the agenda, **Kevin Wilhelm** seconded, passed unanimously.

FILTER POND FUNDING DISCUSSION

James Jans said filter ponds 1 & 3 were built in the 1980's and need to be replaced. He is suggesting replacing filter pond 1 over a three year period, doing some of the work in house, and applying a temporary base rate increase to fund the project. This would eliminate the need to receive a loan. **Marianne Pietras** suggested looking into grants for this project. **James Jans** said they have already done this, and could not find any grant money for the project. **Barbara Adams** asked if any customers have complained about the proposed increase. **Shanti Burns** said she had four customers come into the office to state their concerns about the temporary rate increase, however after she explained to them that the project has been discussed for approximately six years, how old the infrastructure is, and of the dire need to replace the filter pond, the customers left with a positive attitude towards the project and the funding of it. **Robert Gaughan** also heard positive comments about the project around the community. **Jeff Hargens** said the District could either raise the water rates to fund the project, or apply a temporary base rate increase which would be listed separately on the water bills to show the customers where the additional money is being spent. He said that filter pond 3 will need to be replaced shortly after filter pond 1.

ORDINANCE 2014.11.01: BASE RATE / FILTER POND

Jeff Hargens read aloud Resolution 2014.11.01. This resolution will apply a \$5 per month (\$10 per billing cycle) base rate charge for 19 billing cycles, or until the project has been completed. The ordinance was signed by all present members of the Board.

Sonny Boyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **Robert Gaughan** seconded, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.