

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Henry Schwartz at 7:30 p.m. All Board members, Doug Dodd, Edith Mastne, Jim Mastne and Joe Riehl, were present. Also present were John Huffman of BMI, Regna Merrit of ONRC, Robert Gaughan, Klaus Heyne, Brent Younker, Supt. Vance Hubbard, Dist. Clerk Carol Quinn and arriving later was Larry Traxler.

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

Mr. Huffman reported that the responses from the questionnaire sent to customers of the District concerning backflow prevention/cross connection control had generated far more inspections than had been anticipated. Far more homes had hot tubs, swimming pools, water troughs, solar, and agricultural use than they had estimated. In addition 580 customers had not returned the questionnaires. Consequently, the expenses have run considerably higher than projected. The backflow/cross-connection program is an ongoing required program. Therefore, before any more work is completed, the Board asked Mr. Huffman to bring a summary of the results and the inspections conducted so far.

Mr. Gaughan requested that the Board consider adjusting his high bill which was the result of a large leak. As soon as he was notified, he turned the water off and fixed it. Mr. Dodd moved that the bill be adjusted to high average of the last six months. Mr. Riehl seconded. Passed. A letter from Shirley Foster was read requesting a leak adjustment also on property she owns. She lives in California but the leak was fixed as soon as it was discovered. Mr. Dodd moved that her bill be adjusted the same--to the high average for the last six months. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed. A letter from Mr. Wright was read requesting a leak adjustment. It will be adjusted to 1/2 without Board action as authorized previously since half is what he normally uses during the month. The Board discussed the necessity for documenting a leak as opposed to someone maybe using the water for agricultural purposes or other uses and then claiming they had a leak.

Mr. Weill sent a note suggesting the Board consider billing every two months instead of each month to save costs. After some discussion, it was decided to continue billing monthly because it is much easier to track usage, leaks, etc. monthly.

Mr. Younker asked the Board to consider allowing a group to patrol the watershed on snowmobiles since the recent FS decision prohibits snowmobiles snowmobiling in general in the area. They would look for vandalism, illegal dumping, etc. He gave the Board information and asked that they read and consider it at the next meeting.

Regarding the easement for the waterline across Frank Lumber property, Mr. Riehl advised the Board that he had talked with Mr. Brand. He expected to be in the area before the first of the year and when he came, he would contact the office to set up a meeting. Mr. Mastne notified the Board that he had contacted the Water Master in St. Helens regarding an easement on private property and was told we would need a survey, etc., but it could be acquired by condemnation if necessary. Mr. Mastne moved that the lawyer be contacted to research and get information necessary to proceed with condemnation for the easement through Section 3 and 12 from Frank Lumber as it appears that Mr. Brand

continues to be evasive and uncooperative. Mr. Dodd seconded. Mr. Mastne advised the Board that he felt the time to act is now rather than continue to wait since it is important that the line be installed to insure adequate water for the district. The lawyer should have the information prepared by next Board Meeting, January 11. The motion passed.

Regna Merritt said that the Clinton Forest Plan did not protect Gordon Creek Watershed as it should be protected; that it would no longer be considered a special emphasis watershed. She said that Portland did not feel it's watershed was properly protected from logging so the City Council has asked Sen. Wyden to propose permanent legislation to prevent the FS from commercial logging in the Bull Run. She suggested that the Board write Sen Wyden to amend the legislation to include Corbett's watershed as well, since it is not considered a key watershed. She said that although it is not part of the Bull Run, historically it was in 1892 and 1904.

Mr. Heyne submitted a letter prepared for the Board to send to Sen. Wyden requesting that Corbett's watershed receive the same protection as the Bull Run. Mr. Mastne moved that the Board send the letter. Mr. Dodd amended Mr. Mastne's motion to revise the letter to specify the same protection as the Bull Run with respect to the logging regulations and to also include language that would add interim protection from logging pending the passage of such permanent legislation. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed with one abstention by Mr. Riehl. A draft of the revised letter will be sent to Board members for their approval before it is sent. Copies will be sent to Rep. Furse, USFS, and Frank Lumber.

Mr. Stark prepared information and request for bid sheet for preparation of treatment alternatives to comply with the Lead and Copper Rule which Mr. Hubbard submitted to the Board for their review. Mr. Dodd moved that the bid sheet be approved and that bids be solicited. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed.

Mr. Mastne moved that Carol Quinn be appointed representative for the District to the Tax Coordination Planning Group. Mr. Riehl seconded. Passed.

Mr. Dodd moved that the AWWA letter requesting legislation to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act be supported by the District. Mr. Mastne seconded. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.