

ROCKWOOD WATER P.U.D.
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
FEBRUARY 24, 2010
Rockwood Water Boardroom

Board members present: Larry Dixon, Tom Lewis, Don McCarthy, Steve Okazaki, Cathi VanDamme.

Staff present: Harvey Barnes, District Manager (DM); Andy Crocker, Assistant District Superintendent (ADS); Kerry Aden, Administrative Secretary (AS); Jeremy Hudson, District Engineer (DE).

Guests present: John Lugton.

President Cathi VanDamme called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President VanDamme asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda.

Don McCarthy moved to approve the agenda. Larry Dixon seconded the motion. The motion was approved; none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Board President, **Cathi VanDamme**, made the following comments:

First of all, I would like to say thank you, Don, for the effort, and the time, and the representation that you upheld so well for this Board for the past year, and so forth, as President. I really appreciate that, and you've done a really good job. I think you've represented us really well, and so we appreciate that. Secondly, I would like to say, first of all, thank you for allowing me to be in this role. As I think about this Board, I think we really have a good Board and have the potential of being an awesome Board, and although we come to the table with differing perspectives, which is how it should be, I think that our goal is the same, in that we want to all see this District be the best it can be, provide quality water, and service to the public; and I'm just really looking forward to being part of it this year and helping that through. We have some major issues coming up, and so to be part of that, and to helping work together as a team with the rest of you, I'm really looking forward to it. Thank you for the opportunity.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

DM Barnes noted the Superintendent's report will be produced by **ADS Crocker** in the future.

Steve Okazaki moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Lewis moved to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2010 regular meeting. Don McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was approved; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Cathi VanDamme inquired about page 10, line 34, Back Support Belt. **ADS Crocker** replied the belt is a replacement belt for Craig Nichols.

Cathi VanDamme asked about page 9, line 22, 1 Ergonomic Chair. **DM Barnes** answered the chair is for Gregg Lindsey.

Larry Dixon moved to approve the bills. **Steve Okazaki** seconded the motion. **The motion was approved; none opposed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

FINANCIAL REVIEW - DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the direction of the District and agreed the District should have the option of using debt, should raise rates slowly for less impact on the customers, become less dependent on the Bull Run system and use all of the water we pay for, and look at the southern border of the District for a possible new well site.

PROJECT UPDATE

DE Hudson gave an update on Well #5.

DM Barnes gave an update on the Well #4 and Administration Building Remodel projects.

ADS Crocker gave an update on the 139th/141st and Cascade tank cleaning projects.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

DM Barnes stated **ADS Crocker** passed his Level 4 Certification and will be transitioning into the Superintendent position. **DS Baker** will be retiring by the end of December.

Don McCarthy congratulated **ADS Crocker**. He thanked the District for allowing his attendance at the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) Annual Conference.

Tom Lewis reported the SDAO conference was a good learning experience.

Cathi VanDamme stated it's good to hear things are going well. She would like to visit having different employees come in periodically and talk about what they're doing in the District that's helping make the District better.

ADJOURNMENT

Don McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting. **Steve Okazaki** seconded the motion. **The motion was approved; none opposed.**

President VanDamme reminded everyone the next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Secretary