

ROCKWOOD WATER P.U.D.
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
DECEMBER 13, 2006
Rockwood Water Boardroom

Board members present: Stephen McElroy, Sandra Ramaker, Herb Brown, Larry Dixon, Don McCarthy

Staff present: Harvey Barnes, District Manager (DM); Kerry Aden, Administrative Secretary (AS)

Guests present: Pat Brown, Brenda Daggett

President Stephen McElroy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Herb Brown moved to approve the agenda. **Larry Dixon** seconded the motion. The motion was approved; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Herb Brown moved to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2006 regular meeting. **Sandra Ramaker** seconded the motion. The motion was approved; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

Larry Dixon inquired about items on page 4, Pump Rental and Pump Replacement, lines 8, 10, and 48. **DM Barnes** replied line 48 is the cost to have Campbell Crane lower the 600 horse power pump into the ground. The pump rental is partial pump rental (\$2,000), and the rest of the cost is for the installation of the pump. The charges were all on one invoice.

Herb Brown asked about page 4, line 20, Landscape Office. **DM Barnes** responded those charges were for the plants, sprinklers, and all of the landscaping in front of the building.

Stephen McElroy referred to page 6, Contractor Refund and what those items were for. **DM Barnes** explained when we give estimates for projects, we aim high. We completed the project under that estimate, so we issued a refund for the excess amount they paid.

Sandra Ramaker inquired about page 3, Visa Charges and why the bank charges were not broken down this time. **DM Barnes** replied he will talk to SA Colley about it. He believed this may be a difference with our new bank (Umpqua), and how they list items on our statement.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

SET JANUARY BOARD MEETING DATE

DM Barnes stated this is a standard item on the December agenda. During the January Board meeting we will set the meeting schedule for the rest of the year. **Herb Brown** suggested the fourth Wednesday in January. **Sandra Ramaker** stated that would be the 24th of January.

Herb Brown moved to approve the January regular Board meeting date of January 24, 2007. Don McCarthy seconded the motion. The motion was approved; none opposed.

CITY OF FAIRVIEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

DM Barnes explained our Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Fairview (City) has expired, and the City has asked to renew it. It is a Wheeling Agreement in which we provide water service to some of their customers where they don't have pipes available. **DM Barnes** asked for the Board's input on the IGA before the City discusses it. He pointed out two items for discussion: (1) the Wheeling Agreement is 120% of our wholesale cost of water from Portland, so whatever that is will be 20% over our cost and (2) to talk about the termination date of the IGA. **DM Barnes** suggests the expiration date end on our fiscal year-end date of June 30th. **Sandra Ramaker** asked how long the old agreement was. **DM Barnes** answered 10 years or so ago; it was in place before he began work here. **Herb Brown** stated it was in place when he began serving on the old Board in 1989. **Larry Dixon** stated it has been in place since the dog track was built in 1954. **Don McCarthy** asked for **DM Barnes**' recommendation for how long the IGA commitment should be. **DM Barnes** replied at least 10 years.

Herb Brown asked if the IGA includes any possible new developments in the area. **DM Barnes** stated it could include some new developments in the area, but what we have seen are isolated developments. **DM Barnes** explained he believes residentially the City is built out within their boundaries. **Herb Brown** asked if we were serving about 10% of their service. **DM Barnes** responded no, we have 150 customers total, the biggest part of those is within our District, not the City's.

Stephen McElroy asked if this was something we should set up for discussion during a public meeting before we make final action. **DM Barnes** stated this will be on the January agenda, and the Fairview City Council will also be looking at it between now and the January Board meeting. We will incorporate your suggestions taken from this meeting and put them into the IGA, so they can be discussed at the January regular Board meeting. **Herb Brown** stated he had read the account and believes the terms are in order as far as the price is concerned. **Stephen McElroy** stated he believed it was a favorable agreement.

Larry Dixon suggested we set the IGA up for a 10-year option, so it would expire at the same time our 20-year purchase agreement with Portland would expire. **DM Barnes** stated that was a good plan. **Herb Brown** agreed. **Sandra Ramaker** referred to item number 8, Portland Approval Under 25-Year Contract, and said she thought we already had approval to sell excess water. **DM Barnes** replied we do. The only thing we have to get approval for is anything that would put a hardship on the City of Portland's operation. If we were selling water at such a rate that it would cause, for example, a hydrolic or pressure problem on their system, we would have to get approval, and, obviously, they wouldn't allow us to do that. **DM Barnes** stated **Sandra Ramaker** was right, the new contract states we can sell water any time we want as long as it's not

detrimental to their system. Even if we supplied all of Fairview's water, it would not be detrimental to the Bull Run system.

DM Barnes reiterated the Board's comments to incorporate into the IGA the term to be 10 years with a 10-year renewal, which will make the expiration date June 30, 2017. **DM Barnes** asked if the Board had any concern about Bob Cochran taking the IGA to the Fairview City Council to review. The Board responded no. **DM Barnes** reiterated we will make the changes the Board has recommended, and we will take the issue up at the January regular Board meeting. **Herb Brown** asked if DM Barnes will have a discussion with the City's Public Works department. **DM Barnes** replied yes. **Stephen McElroy** asked when the City of Fairview sets the IGA up for their public meeting, could the Board be notified in the event they choose to go. **DM Barnes** stated he would ask Bob Cochran to notify him, so he can let the Board know when it is.

PROJECT UPDATE

DM Barnes stated the pump station has been activated. We started up the pumps last Thursday. The reservoir should be topping off now, and the wells should be almost full. We have done some preliminary tests. We are confident the pumps will produce at least what we expect them to pump. We have pumped up to 3,700 gallons a minute with one pump back into the reservoir. We were pumping at about 400 feet of elevation by valving and hydrolically controlling. We pumped 4,250 to 420 feet, the equivalent of 4,250 gallons to 4,200 or 420 feet. The pumps need to pump about 4,000 gallons a minute to 500 feet. That will top Gresham's reservoir. All indications are they will do exactly what they are supposed to do. As soon as we get the reservoir full, we will draw samples for bacteria and send them to the lab. We should know within 24 hours if we have a clean reservoir. If we do, then we will start production and do tests up to Bella Vista and start testing the different functions of the system. The painters were in touching up the paint today. **DM Barnes** invited the Board members to stop by to look at the new pump station. He stated Ward-Henshaw did a very good job.

DM Barnes said he checked on the 30" pipe yesterday, and they had about 1/4 of the distance or less than 1,000 feet of pipe to put in on Battaglia between Division and Powell Boulevard to hook that pipe up. All of the pipe on Powell Boulevard is all the way up to our reservoir, so that's already in place. In the next week or two, probably by the end of January, we will be activating that line and cleaning that line. Probably in January sometime we will put that on line to Bella Vista as well. We will have two inlets into Bella Vista Reservoir off of the 30-inch water line; one on 202nd and Division, and one on Birdsdale and Powell Boulevard. **Herb Brown** asked what the total length was. **DM Barnes** replied 21,000 feet.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

DM Barnes stated we have the employee lunch staff meeting tomorrow, and all of the Board members are invited to attend. It starts at 12 p.m. He stated everything is going pretty well.

Herb Brown stated he believed the District is going along very well; it is under good management. He said he would like to remember former Board member Ray Beach. Today, December 13, is the second year since his passing.

Sandra Ramaker stated mentioning Ray Beach reminds her about the memoriam plaque and what the status of it is. **DM Barnes** stated we were waiting on some engraved tags, but we did have the plaque. He asked where the Board would like to put it and suggested the entry way on the east wall. The Board agreed.

Sandra Ramaker also mentioned she and Don McCarthy have volunteered to be monitors at the AWWA/WEF Joint Management Conference in February. By them volunteering, they get to go to the conference at no cost to the District. **Sandra Ramaker** wished everyone happy holidays.

DM Barnes stated we are going to use a history piece for the newsletter. AS Aden came across an invoice for a contractor to drill a well in 1931. It was for \$700 to drill the well, and each additional foot was \$7.50.

Stephen McElroy wished good luck to both teams, the Beavers and the Ducks, in their respective bowl games coming up. He hoped everybody remembers to call a cab or walk during the holiday season and to drive defensively; your life will depend on it over the next three weeks. **Stephen McElroy** also wished everybody in our District a very merry Christmas and a happy new year; and to continue on with the excellent safety record we have had throughout this year and throughout the next.

President McElroy reminded everyone the next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Herb Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Dixon seconded the motion. The motion was approved; none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Secretary