

LA PINE WATER DISTRICT  
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**Minutes of January 11, 2000, meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm by president BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson.

Board members present were BarbeAnn, Kitty and Dennis. Absent were James and Ken.

Guests present were Jill Phillips- McLane (LCAT), Linda Davis (Consultant for LCAT), Dick Nored (HGE) and Brian Earls.

December 14, 1999, minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$50.11 in the account, with insurance paid through December 31, 2000, and the attorney currently paid in full. No bills currently outstanding.

The proposed MOU was discussed, with some minor changes suggested. Kitty related a concern that James Newton had expressed over the well site being outside the district boundaries. Linda stated that it is common for cities to own real estate and infrastructure outside of their boundaries, just as with special districts, so that will not pose a problem in the event of incorporation. Board members should be prepared to present any additional concerns or suggestions at the next regular meeting, at which time a vote will be taken on the final form of the MOU.

Under Public Input, Brian asked if grant/loan funds can be used to buy Neal Russell's system outright, and Dick confirmed that provisions are made for such acquisitions. Discussion followed on SDC rate (to be set by Rural Development), and the need for a certified operator once the system begins to operate.

Under Old Business, Dennis reported that Neal was going to Mexico, so Dennis will ask him later for a proposal on his system. ☞ Also, Dennis learned that the Tel. Co. offer on used generators was for the Ponderosa Pines Water District only. ➔ Dick reported that the design crew got started with the survey in mid-December, and information on the installation of lines for the assisted living project has been requested from Vic Russell. ☞ Also, William (Bill) Haight, Fish and Wildlife Consultant, has been contracted in accordance with board authorization (see 12/14/99 minutes) to do the required environmental assessment. This will start mid- late January. ☞ Discussion followed on issuing

bonds. The board decided on revenue bonds. Dick advised that based on current (but fluctuating) interest rates, HGE would ask for approval of approximately \$3,700,000 in bonds. Dennis made a motion to authorize Dick to contact the district's attorney on behalf of the district to assist in the process, with Kitty notifying the attorney in advance. Kitty seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business, BarbeAnn suggested that it would be a good idea to have documentation in place showing the district's intent to maintain the services of HGE through the construction phase of the project, especially in light of the upcoming vote on the incorporation of La Pine. Dick will prepare an amendment to the original Contract with HGE for the board's review at the next regular meeting.

Kitty suggested to Dick that we review progress on the USDA Grant/Loan Processing Checklist. This will also be done at the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tues., February 8, 2000, 1:00 pm, at Bancorp Ins.**