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Minutes of January 18, 2001, Work Session

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:17 am. by chair BarbeAnn. Other board members present were Kitty and James. There were no guests present.

BarbeAnn opened discussion on operator applicant qualifications. The course of discussion turned abruptly with James's assertion that the district should not even take over operation and ownership of Neal's system. James stated that he felt it was illegal because of the source of the water and the fact that the system served too many clients , and some are residential. He also raised concerns about the condition of the system, citing lines going to the Best Western/Newberry Station Motel that he says are too deep, tracer wire not installed with the extension for the assisted living complex, and valve boxes needing identified and concreted in.

BarbeAnn called Neal from the meeting, and he was able to join us. Neal assured us that his water source is fine - there has never been a problem - and that the valve boxes are OK because they're behind the curbs in the sidewalk. He said that he doesn't have any money in it (the extensions), and doesn't want to do "a bunch of repairs." He also said he currently has 16 meters, and Northwest Analytical does his testing. He is not really sure at how many meters or hookups a certified operator is required. The matter of the fire hydrants along the Morson Road extension (for the assisted living complex) came up, and Neal said that Vic did raise the hydrants, in October or November, 2000. He also told us that when Newberry Station Motel was sold, Bud Kendall told him that the irrigation lines for the motel are hooked outside of the meter. The LPWD needs to be sure and follow up on this information.

In further discussion it was decided that BarbeAnn would contact the Water Master for clarification on some of the questions raised, and Neal would contact John Potts of The Oregon Health Division to attend one of our meetings to answer questions on what the administration and operation of this particular system by the district would require. It was also decided that we should meet again as soon as possible with Dick Nored for answers from an engineering and design standpoint, and for help with the draw down request. BarbeAnn called Dick on Kitty's cell phone, and we settled on meeting here again tomorrow, January 19, at 1:00 pm. BarbeAnn will post notices.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.