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Minutes of January 24, 2001, Work Session

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 12:12 pm by chair BarbeAnn.

Other board members present were Kitty and James. Guest present was Brian Earls.

BarbeAnn opened the meeting emphasizing that we need to decide, "Yes, or No, are we taking over Neal's system?" Neal would keep things going if we contract with an operator who could be here once a week to perform certified operator duties.

James questioned the legality of paying Neal for any part of his system, and not paying others. If the district buys Neal's system, would it be obligated to buy others? Would it set a precedent? Also, could the district, or would it then be required to, charge the district's water rate, currently proposed at \$34 per EDU? How is the district water rate set? Lengthy discussion followed on legalities and other concerns over operating Neal's system, with no resolution, and no decision made. It was decided that Kitty will call attorney Ken Jones for answers to these questions, and to ask about posting requirements for changing/adding regular meeting dates. BarbeAnn said that John Potts from the Oregon Health Dept. will attend the January 30 meeting to answer questions on system operation compliance in regards to the Health Dept.

In other business, recently received utility permits (to perform work in a public right of way) for each of the streets in the project area were reviewed and signed, for return to HGE.

BarbeAnn gave the Rightway Computers bid to Kitty for inclusion in the draw down request.

Operator applications were not discussed.

It was decided that the district now needs to have two regular meetings per month. These will be on the second and last Tuesdays, with the next regular meeting scheduled for January 30, 2001. BarbeAnn will post notices, and have a notice put in the Frontier Advertiser.

BarbeAnn closed the meeting with the instruction that all board members put a lot of thought into the issue of Neal's system, and come to the next meeting prepared to raise any additional questions or concerns, so we can get answers and make a decision as quickly as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm.