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**Minutes of January 30, 2001, regular meeting**

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:13 pm by chair BarbeAnn.

Other board members present were Kitty and James. Also present were John Potts/Oregon Health Dept., Neal Russell, Brian Earls and Rick Wright. Andy Newton arrived around 2:10 pm.

Introductions were made, and chair BarbeAnn introduced an addition to the agenda, to be taken up immediately. Ken Travis had given her a handwritten resignation letter, asking the board to accept his resignation due to health problems. BarbeAnn read the letter out loud, and asked for a motion on accepting his resignation. James moved, Kitty seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. BarbeAnn asked the board to consider appointing Brian Earls to the vacated position, as he has expressed interest, and is familiar with district concerns through his service on the budget committee, and attendance at some of the other meetings. James moved, Kitty seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to appoint Brian to the board.

John Potts answered questions on district operation of Neal's system from the standpoint of the Oregon Health Division. He said it happens all the time that ownership changes. There is no form to fill out. The Division only needs notification of the change in ownership, and name of contact person. This person could be the operator, manager, chairperson - anyone designated by the district. The Division doesn't get involved in the legal aspects. It is concerned with construction, operation, water quality, and system compliance with state administrative rules. Currently, from a Health Division standpoint, the district would not need a certified operator to operate Neal's system, but there is a bill before the state legislature to change that. However, in an emergency, the district would need a certified operator available within 24 hours. He answered questions on classifications of systems, and named all of the systems within the LPWD boundaries now on file with the Health Division.

Neal said the problem with the water reservoir has been fixed. There were no further questions of John Potts, so he excused himself and the board went on to routine business.

Minutes of the January 9, 2001, meeting were read. James moved, BarbeAnn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$24.16, after having paid the \$30 Frontier Advertiser bill & deducting the \$10 bank service chg.

Kitty reported on her conversation with attorney Ken Jones. We can change the water rate only through the public notice and hearing process. He says buying Neal's system would not obligate the district to purchase other systems or infrastructure within its boundaries. He emphasized that the district should have an agreement in place before taking over operation of any system, and of course should have ordinances adopted. It would be a case by case decision. He affirmed that we only need to post 24 hours in advance to schedule a special meeting, or to increase the number of monthly meetings.

Under Old Business BarbeAnn reported that a draw down of funds from the COIC grant isn't being done yet, pending decision on the Russell system. The grant was in fact written for the purpose of taking over operation of the system to generate operating revenue. • Kitty hasn't had time to complete and return the Midstate Electric service application - BarbeAnn will do that. • There was further discussion on buying Neal's system, with no decision made.

Under New Business, BarbeAnn asked Rick Wright if he had anything he would like to discuss. He said he was attending only to see if he might be interested in a position on the board or the budget committee if he moves into the district as planned. • Kitty requested to reschedule the February 13 meeting because she would not be available. It was agreed to reschedule for Thursday, February 15, at 1:00 pm. BarbeAnn will post.

There being no further business, BarbeAnn instructed board members to do individual research on the feasibility of purchasing Neal's system, and come to the next meeting prepared to vote. Board members are also to review their copies of the sample ordinance and be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.