

MINUTES
La Pine Water District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 8, 2002

Those present were LWD Board members BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson, Kitty Shields, James Newton, Brian Earls and Richard Pelissey. Also present were Dick Nored, H.G.E.; Ron Cogswell, H.G.E.; Fire Chief Jim Court, La Pine Rural Fire Protection District; Fire Marshall Jim Gustafson, La Pine Rural Fire Protection District; Stu Martinez, Manager for Wilderness Garbage and La Pine Rural Fire Protection District Board Member; and Donna Blatnik, LWD Admin. Assistant.

A quorum was established and President BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Fire Chief Jim Court: Chief Court presented concerns he has with the out of district water charge the La Pine Water District Board of Commissioners has proposed, including the cost to tax-payers. BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson explained that we would not be discussing Ordinances at today's meeting due to time constraints, but asked that Chief Court make his concerns known to the Board.

Chief Court began by asking how the fee of \$100.00 per month originated. BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson explained that initially the Board had discussed a figure of \$500.00 per month, but decided that \$100.00 per month would be a fairer amount. Chief Court also explained that with the charges for regular water (\$27.34 per month for the first 3,600 gallons and \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons thereafter), it would be much cheaper for the Fire District to fill their equipment at the station and proposed installing a metered hydrant at the fire station. He also stated there are other sources of water (rivers) where fire equipment can be filled.

BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson suggested the possibly of having a contract services agreement for water supplied to the Fire District.

Chief Court raised the question of who pays for the maintenance and water-flow testing on the hydrants. He suggested a possible "swap" of water for the Fire District performing maintenance and water-flow testing.

Chief Court asked that Fire Marshall Jim Gustafson be contacted when the Board has a work session to work on these ordinances. Mr. Gustafson asked to be contacted with at least 1 day's notice.

Minutes of previous meetings: Brian Earls made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2002 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Second by Richard Pelissey. **Motion carried.**

Old Business:

Ordinance 2001-1 (as revised) vs. Resolutions 2001-3, 2001-4 and 2001-6: Due to time constraints, ordinances and resolutions were not discussed. Kitty Shields and BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson are re-working them and will work with Donna Blatnik on retyping them. They will then be sent to our attorney for review.

LIGI Land Purchase: The Sale Agreement was faxed to the attorney and we are still waiting for their comments.

Neal Russell: The attorney reviewed the agreement and said it was fine to proceed on the purchase of the Neal Russell system.

Lee Blake/Assisted Living: LWD received a letter from Michael Gentry, attorney for Lee Blake/ALA expressing Mr. Blake's desire to be reimbursed for his cost of improvements when developing Prairie House Assisted Living. Jim Gustafson stated that, to his knowledge, no one ever told Mr. Blake he would receive any reimbursement. Neal Russell initially told Mr. Blake that if Neal's system were purchased within 2 years of the opening of the Prairie House (1998), he may be reimbursed for his costs. A motion was made by Kitty Shields and seconded by Richard Pelissey to prepare a letter to send to our attorney explaining that Mr. Blake will not receive any such reimbursement from LWD since he did not have to pay SDCs when improving his land. Our attorney will then prepare a letter to be sent to Mr. Blake and his attorney. **Motion carried.**

Construction Update: Dick Nored, HGE, reported well no. 2 is pumping 45,000 gallons per minute, better than well no. 1. He reported that pumps pumping 670,000 per minute will be purchased. These pumps will run alternately throughout a 24-hour period.

Dick also reported that the new office building will need a sewer hook-up and suggested that LWD purchase the materials (approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000) plus SDC charges (approximately \$1,400) and La Pine Special Sewer District will install at no charge. A motion was made by Brian Earls to accept this proposal. Seconded by Richard Pelissey. **Motion carried.** (James Meyers did not vote due to a conflict of interest.)

At 1:51 pm, BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson left and turned the meeting over to Brian Earls.

Ron Cogswell, HGE, reported that the 5th ring should probably be put on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. The line being installed on Finley Butte Road should be completed by next week.

New Business:

Loan Money vs. Grant Money: Dick Nored, HGE, stated his concern regarding purchasing the LIGI land, the Neal Russell Water System and payment to Deschutes County for the land where the wells are located. He wants to make sure these payments are made in a timely manner using loan money, as grant money cannot be used for these items. BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson will contact our attorney on the status of the sale agreements.

Purchase of Property Maps: BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson reported that we will purchase Property Maps from Deschutes County at a cost of \$33.25. Donna Blatnik contacted the

County regarding the purchase of these maps and a list of all landowners in the District. Donna will get these from the County.

Treasurer's Report: Kitty Shields made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report presented to the Board. Seconded by Richard Pelissey. **Motion carried.**

Payment of Bills: Richard Pelissey made a motion to pay all bills presented to the Board. Seconded by Kitty Shields. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence List: The correspondence list was reviewed. Only one item needs attention at this time, the SDAO Updated 2002 Special District Best Practices - A Self-Assessment Guide for Special Districts and Self-Assessment Checklist needs to be completed by November 15, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Blatnik
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La Pine Water District