

**MINUTES**  
**La Pine Water District**  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
**October 29, 2002**

Those present were LWD Board members BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson, Kitty Shields, James Newton, Brian Earls and Richard Pelissey. Also present were Ron Cogswell, H.G.E.; Fire Marshall Jim Gustafson, La Pine Rural Fire Protection District; Tom Scott, Crescent Water District (interested in Operator position); and Donna Blatnik, LWD Admin. Assistant.

A quorum was established and President BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**Minutes of previous meetings:** Kitty Shields made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2002 Board of Commissioners meeting with changes made to the "Construction Update" section (well no. 2 pumping 4,500 gallons and purchase of pumps that pump 670 gallons per minute). Second by James Newton. **Motion carried.**

**Guests:**

Tom Scott of Crescent Water District asked if he could make a proposal regarding his desire to fill the Operator position. BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson asked that he put his proposal in writing and submit it to the Board previous to the next regular meeting on November 11, 2002.

**Old Business:**

Ordinance 2001-1: The Board reviewed the letter from Carolyn Connelly regarding suggested changes to the Ordinance. The letter referenced redundancies in the Ordinance and the Board would like these explained in more detail. Donna Blatnik will contact Carolyn Connelly and ask that she explain what these redundancies are and how they affect the content of the Ordinance. Donna will also look in to the rules on posting the Ordinance.

LIGI Land Purchase: Donna Blatnik faxed a letter to Leland Smith telling him the Board agreed with the Sale Agreement with the exception of minor typographical errors. Still waiting to for response from Mr. Smith.

Neal Russell/Lee Blake/Assisted Living: Lee Blake's attorney (Michael Gentry) called BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson October 28, 2002 asking if the Board had made a decision regarding the Neal Russell business. BarbeAnn explained that she was uncomfortable speaking for the Board, but that she felt this was a matter between Mr. Blake and Mr. Russell. She also explained to Mr. Gentry that no one on the LWD Board ever

promised Mr. Blake any reimbursement. She asked Mr. Gentry if he would find out whom promised Mr. Blake reimbursement. Mr. Gentry explained that Mr. Blake feels the Neal Russell business belongs to him and not Mr. Russell. A motion was made by Brian Earls to have Donna Blatnik to send a letter to Carolyn Connelly, along with a draft of a letter to be sent to Mr. Gentry, asking for her legal advice on this matter. Seconded by Richard Pelissey. **Motion carried.**

BarbeAnn asked Donna to get a copy of the new Sale Agreement from LIGI and Neal Russell's Sale Agreement and fax them to Ken Durrell for his final approval. Then checks will be made out and held until agreements are executed.

Construction Update: Ron Cogswell, HGE reported that Bill Booker Construction (Schedule "A") would finish installing the main line on Mitts Way today and move on to Walling Lane.

Tapani Underground (Schedule "B") has scheduled a meeting with Midstate Electric, BLM, USDA Forest Service and PG&E for November 6, 2002 at 10 am. They will most likely begin construction soon thereafter.

Jack Robinson's (Schedule "C") subcontractor United Steel Erectors plan on finishing their part of the project Friday, November 1, 2002. Due to the cold weather, it looks like painting will be delayed until spring.

Wells - Vern Bishop plans on pouring the footings tomorrow, October 30, weather permitting.

Bore pits – Casing has been installed on Finley Butte Road at Hwy. 97. Work has begun installing casing at Foss Road and Hwy. 97, then Reed Road and Hwy 97, and finally Reed Road at the railroad crossing.

#### **New Business:**

Phone Lines: In order to save money, a motion was made by Brian Earls to eliminate one phone line and combine the lines the fax and internet are on. Seconded by James Newton. **Motion carried.**

Office Supplies: Kitty Shields made a motion to allow Donna Blatnik a budget of \$100 per month for office supplies. Seconded by Richard Pelissey. **Motion carried.**

La Pine Rural Fire Protection District: Jim Gustafson stated the District needs to work with Chief Court and the Fire Board to come to a mutual agreement regarding contract services for water. BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson asked if we could get a list of duties to be performed for hydrant maintenance so we could possibly come with a "swap" agreement for water. Kitty Shields stated our operator would need to be present during testing and maintenance; therefore it would be a wasted effort to have an agreement. There would be no savings for the District. Donna Blatnik will send a letter to Jim Court asking for ideas for an agreement.

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

**Payment of Bills:** James Newton made a motion to pay all bills presented to the Board. Seconded by Richard Pelissey. **Motion carried.** Donna Blatnik will send a letter to Preston Gates Ellis LLP requesting additional explanation on September 30, 2002 billing.

**Correspondence List:** The correspondence list was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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