

Special Board Meeting
LaPine Rural Fire Protection District
51550 Huntington Road, LaPine, Oregon
March 19, 2003 – 1:00 P.M.

Open Meeting

Director Martinez opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call

LaPine Fire District: Director Fellows, Director Sayer, Director McCue, Director Nichols, Director Martinez, Chief Jim Court and Bonita Johnson

LaPine Water District: Richard Polissey, James Newton, BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson, Brian Earls, Kitty Shields, Donna Blatnick.

Open Discussion with LaPine Water District regarding proposed water rates, proposed agreements and related topic.

Director Martinez opened the discussion by stating the reason the Fire District had a concern with the rates proposed.

BarbeAnn, President of the Water District, stated the LaPine core residents are funding the water project and should not be responsible to fund water usage for areas outside of the core of LaPine. She also stated the Water District Board discussed the proposal made by the Fire District to (1) participate in fire hydrants maintenance and (2) allowing the Water District to annex into LaPine's Fire District in exchange for installation of the hydrant at station 101 and monthly charges for hydrant water use. The Water District gave their approval for the Fire District to contract with the firm they used for water line/hydrant installation directly for the same rate the Water District is paying. In the Water District's opinion the cost of \$100 per month for unfettered use of water was a more than fair rate and they would like to see a hand in hand relationship with the Fire District.

Issues were discussed regarding liabilities for damages caused by rocks or back drafting. The Water District stated their insurance should cover those types of liabilities.

Director McCue stated he agreed that the rate of \$100 per month would be a fair monthly charge for unfettered water use. It was the consensus of the Board to work together with the Water District at the rate proposed. The Water District will adopt a resolution at their next meeting and the Fire District will act at the April Board Meeting.

The Fire District Board of Directors gave their consensus and direction for Chief Court to concur with the Water District to pay \$100 per month for unfettered water usage for hydrant access.

Open Forum for Public Input

Two concerned citizens were present. Both stated they were pleased to see both the Water District and the Fire District were willing to work together. Both were concerned that the core area of LaPine would be paying for water usage outside of the area.

Adjourn Board Meeting

Director Fellows made a motion to adjourn the Special Board Meeting. Second by Director Sayer and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonita Johnson
Office Manager