

MINUTES Board of Commissioners Meeting February 14, 2006

Those present were LWD Board members James Newton, BarbeAnn Nelson-Dodson, Dennis Carter and Brian Earls. Also present: The following attendees were here to discuss the condition of Anchor Way - Delbert and Marilyn Trob, Ed & Linda Brehm, Eddy Roussell, Marilyn and Jim Dyer, Richard Seals, Ken Willard, Sharon Martin. Also present: Andy Newton, Sherry Evertson, Kitty Shields, Scott Perkins and Donna Blatnik – Operations Manager.

A quorum was established and President James Newton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of previous meetings: Brian made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2005 Board of Commissioners meeting and as presented. Seconded by Dennis. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Guests: Customers concerned with the condition of Anchor Way addressed the Board about water line installation and their opinion that it's the District's responsibility to repair the road after line installation. Donna stated that line was installed on Anchor in November 2002 and that the road had been put back in the condition it was prior to construction. Discussion followed on their options for repairing the road such as asking Deschutes County to make it a county road. Scott explained the road he lives on has the same designation as Anchor and he and his neighbors got together and fixed the road themselves and suggested this may be an option for them. BarbeAnn suggested having Scott look at Anchor Way to determine if the District may be responsible for repairs. This was satisfactory to Ed Brehm, the designated speaker for the Anchor Way group.

Old Business:

SDAO Annual Conference: Donna and BarbeAnn discussed classes they attended at the annual conference.

New Business:

Merger with La Pine Special Sewer District: James handed out a list of cost savings prepared by sewer district staff. Brian expressed his opinion that there needs to be a cost savings to customers. He is not opposed to a merger if a significant cost savings to customers can be shown. James suggested sending a questionnaire to customers asking their opinion. Brian feels business customers need to have a say since they are not entitled to vote in elections. Discussion followed on what should be on the questionnaire.

District Installation of Meters for All New Construction: Donna explained that she and Scott had discussed this issue and felt it would be easier to keep track of all new construction and meter information if the District assumed the responsibility for installing all meters. The Commissioners agreed and Dennis made a motion to change District resolution on charges and fees to reflect the actual cost of purchasing and installing meters. Seconded by BarbeAnn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New Copy Machine: Donna reported the copy machine isn't working. BarbeAnn made a motion to purchase a new copy machine with the price not to exceed \$450.00. Seconded by Brian. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Purchasing More Hydrant Meters: BarbeAnn made a motion to purchase 4 more hydrant meters to prepare for upcoming construction. Seconded by Dennis. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Storage for Plans: BarbeAnn would like to see something we can store plans in that would be more organized. She suggested a map rack. Donna will check.

Increase in SDCs: Dennis suggested raising SDCs to accommodate growth.

Treasurer's Report: Brian made a motion to accept and sign the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by BarbeAnn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Payment of Bills: Dennis made a motion to pay all bills as presented to the Board. Seconded by Brian. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Correspondence List: The correspondence list was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Blatnik
Operations Manager
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