

**EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 20, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the East Wenatchee Water District was held in the District's Office at 692 Eastmont Avenue at 3:00 PM. Members present: Matthew Warner, Mike McCourt and Glen Broadsword by telephone. Others present: Greg Brizendine, Dave Smith and Mike Arch.

The meeting minutes of January 5, 2005, were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Warner to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner McCourt. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers No. 9698 through No. 9759 in the amount of \$169,725.00 were presented. Commissioner Warner made a motion approving the vouchers as presented. Commissioner McCourt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The allowable Federal mileage rate has changed to \$.405 per mile. Our resolution a few years ago ties us to the Federal rate instead of the old method being tied to the current Douglas County rate. This will become effective for the District as of today's meeting. Commissioner Warner mentioned that the current \$70 meeting reimbursement could change and we should make sure we have it worded correctly in our old resolution. Commissioner Warner also said some districts are being questioned by the State Auditor about customers using credit cards for paying account balances. Dave will check with the local auditor to see if this could be an issue.

Greg and Randy had a phone discussion with Dan Haller at DOE last week. He is holding abandonment of McNeil Well until administrative changes completed. We need to decide whether to file with DOE for changes and give up priority date or file changes with the Local Conservancy Board (all water right changes at one time) and keep priority date. Basically, Regional permit date in 1977, and our dates are around 1964, so 13 years difference. Note: 1977 is before the In-stream Flow Provisions so we wouldn't be subject to those rules even if we decide to go with DOE. DOE just finished our basin for administrative changes so it will be several years before they are back to make changes, if we go their route!!! We need to send DOE, Dan Haller, a note with our intent in the next few months. We have a Regional Water meeting next week and Greg will present the options to the group. Commissioner McCourt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Broadsword, unanimous, authorizing Greg to do whatever is necessary to pursue efforts with local Conservancy Boards to get the changes to our (Regional's) water rights.

The Commissioners made a determination about Mr. and Mrs. Mike Woods request for water service. They can have service because of their current hardship and past efforts to solve their own water problem. The Wood's have already tried to exist on a new well and modifications their holding tank, all without success, and their low yielding well now goes dry on a regular basis. A motion was made by Commissioner Warner, seconded by McCourt, unanimous, that because of mitigating circumstances the Wood's will be granted water service based on: 1) They enter into a long water service agreement with the District, 2) they are responsible for all costs associated with developing and installing the water service, and 3) they procure their own easements to reach their property from our main along SR28.

Greg gave a preview of Warner's short (5 minute) Power Point presentation that he is giving to WASWD Board next week.

Last test on leak rate at 10th St. Res. shows the drip tube at the same rate of about 100 oz. in 5 minutes (225 gal/day), but the valve leaked to the reservoir (filling the reservoir) and the rate through the floor could not be determined. Last Friday the crew put cheaters on the valve wrench and re-tightened the valve and a new measurement will be attempted today or tomorrow.

Commissioner Warner stated that he has been requested to attend other WASWD section meetings in his position as President of the Association. Commissioner McCourt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Broadsword, that Commissioner Warner is authorized to attend these other section meetings if requested by the Association. If this extra meeting(s) isn't known at the

time of the pre-approved the monthly calendar then the minutes will be ratified at the next regular commissioner meeting when Commissioner Warner reports on his meeting(s).

Commissioner Warner shared what a couple of other Districts have done with respect to creating a small public relations report of their district and their associated local legislators. Commissioner Warner would like to see our District host a legislative reception in the Wenatchee area this Spring.

Commissioner McCourt said that the Do. Co. Sewer District Board has pre-approved the commissioners and staff to stay in Chelan during the Fall conference. Commissioner McCourt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Warner, unanimous, that authorizes the Water District commissioners and staff to stay in Chelan at the Fall conference because it is necessary and convenient to conference attendance, due in fact to the late conference dinners and early conference breakfasts.

The Commissioners also authorized Commissioner McCourt to attend next Thursday's Do. Co. Watershed meeting and the PNW AWWA Conference in Portland, May 4 – 6, 2005.

In March, the regularly scheduled second monthly commissioner meeting will be back on its regular schedule. This means the second meeting of the month will again be on the third Wednesday of each month. Greg will be done with his conservation committee obligations.

The next regular meeting will be February 2, 2005, at 3:00pm. Commissioner McCourt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Regular meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Mike McCourt, President

Matt Warner, Vice President

Glen Broadsword, Secretary