

**EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 16, 2008

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: Mike McCourt, John Sterk and Terry Barnes. Others present: Greg Brizendine, Jennifer Leonhardt, Dave Smith, Randy Asplund, Bill Brown, and Mike Arch. Guests included: Fred Wiltse, Jim Davis, Brian Egan, Lois Cole, Louise Buchanan, Jerry Robertson and Sandy Robertson.

The meeting minutes of January 2, 2007, were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Sterk to accept the meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner McCourt. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers No. 3743 to 3790 were presented in the amount of \$93,983.60. Commissioner Sterk made a motion approving the vouchers as presented. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg said that the Water District and the Sewer District have finalized the purchase of the property behind the office. The purchase price is \$128,800 and the final papers are being drawn up.

Greg went over the interlocal agreement with the City of East Wenatchee for the Rock Island Rd project. A new 12" DIP will be installed and will cost approximately \$157,000 plus sales tax. Commissioner Sterk made a motion authorizing Greg to sign the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg reported that Pacific Appraisal & Assoc gave the District a quote for \$3,800 to \$4,800 for the Baker Flats ULID. As a part of the ULID process it is required that the District get a general benefit analysis. Commissioner Sterk made a motion authorizing Greg to sign the appraisal quote. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy updated the Commissioners on the Regional pump #4 repair. As stated at a previous meeting, the impellers have been damaged by cavitation and chlorine gas. We ordered three new ductile iron impellers and Gray's Electric will trim the impellers and then we will have them powder coated locally. Randy said that Bob Elliott, and University of Idaho professor, is coming over on January 28, 2008 to inspect the impellers and give him opinion on what may have caused the damage. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$1,200 to \$1,600 for Bob's time. Greg and Randy will keep the Commissioners updated on this.

Greg presented Resolution No. 586—Adoption of Water Efficiency Goals. As discussed at the last regular meeting, this Resolution is a formal adoption of the water efficiency rules and goals. Commissioner Barnes made a motion accepting the Resolution as written. Commissioner Sterk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg said that he and Vince are in the process of updating the job description for Terry Barnes' old position. After it is updated, the job description will be sent to the Union employees for their input and then posted when finalized.

The District retreat will be January 24, 2008 from 10am to 4pm at the Confluence Technology Center.

Commissioners McCourt and Sterk went to the WASWD Commissioner Workshop. The both gave a brief description of the workshop and thought it was very beneficial.

The Assumption/Merger workshop with the Sewer District will be January 31, 2008 from 9am to 3pm.

Louise Buchanan commented about the Chelan PUD newspaper article on the hatchery last week and asked about the Regional aquifer's capacity and should she be concerned about it. Randy explained the aquifer's capacity information from previous reports indicates no capacity problems, but the hatchery may have a water temperature problem. The USGS will be giving a new report on these questions in March or April. Fred Wiltse asked about the new Bridle Trails development and thinks that it will have an affect on more people wanting water that are outside our District and does it set precedence. Greg explained that we did sign the water availability so the developer could work on submitting the 36 lot equestrian development to Douglas County to see if he can obtain and meet the County's requirements. The developer will then need to go through the Water District's developer line extension process to see what system improvements will be required, so he can evaluate those costs. As to Fred's question on this water availability creating precedence, Greg replied he didn't know because we have two new Commissioners and any future request would need to be processed by them.

Commissioner McCourt stated that the public is welcome to attend the Commissioner Workshop/Retreat on January 24, 2008 and also the Commissioner meeting on January 31, 2008. There was a brief discussion about the public attendance at the January 31, 2008 meeting because of potential litigation discussion. This will be discussed with the District legal council and Greg will let Brian Egan know since he verbally stated he might be interested in attending.

Commissioner McCourt made a motion to start executive session at 4:10pm to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Sterk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Resume regular session at 4:25pm, no decisions made.

This meeting is being extended to January 24, 2008 at 10:00am for a Commissioner workshop/retreat at the Tech Center. Also, this meeting is extended to January 31, 2008 at 9:00am for an executive session on potential litigation on assumption/merger issues.

The next regular meeting will be February 6, 2008 at 3:00pm. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm. Commissioner Sterk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McCourt, President

John Sterk, Vice President

Terry Barnes, Secretary