

**EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**April 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: Terry Barnes, Mike McCourt by telephone and John Sterk. Others present: Greg Brizendine, Jennifer Leonhardt, Dave Smith, Shawn Wilkerson, Howard Ramey, Vince Johnston, Randy Asplund and Mike Arch.

The meeting minutes of April 2, 2008 regular board meeting were presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to accept the meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Sterk.

Vouchers No. 14022 to 14070 were presented in the amount of \$123,988.10. Commissioner Barnes made a motion approving the vouchers as presented. Commissioner Sterk seconded the motion.

Shawn told the Commissioners that the District is looking into a permit process for on-site irrigation systems. This permit process would help prevent any cross connection and help educate our customers on backflow devices. The Commissioners agreed with the idea of the permit and Shawn will work further on it and bring it back to the Commissioners at a later date.

Greg told the Commissioners the PWTF board has decided to have \$10 million in grant monies available to utilities to help off set interest rates on a bond sale. Greg would like to apply for \$2 million for the 10<sup>th</sup> St Reservoir. The Commissioners agreed.

Vince gave an update on the impellers for the Regional BPS. The impellers will arrive this week and be installed sometime next week. The impellers are cast iron and have an epoxy coating. The conclusion regarding the failed impellers was that the chlorine corroded the impellers. Vince also updated the Commissioners on the 10<sup>th</sup> St Reservoir. We have removed the liner and will now have a company come in and use ground penetrating radar to detect any voids under the floor. If there are any voids, we will have another company come in and spray foam under the floor, similar to what was done at the 15<sup>th</sup> St Reservoir. We will then have a liner sprayed into the tank. Greg will keep the Commissioners up to date on the progress of these repairs.

Greg told the Commissioners that he has spoke with Douglas County about doing their stormwater billing. Dave asked our software program, Springbrook, to give us a proposal on what it would take to add their stormwater bills to our billing. The approximate to cost to do this would be \$1,125. Greg will have a meeting with Douglas County at a later date to discuss this.

Greg explained to the Commissioners that the State is now requiring utilities to have a policy for NIMS (National Incident Management Service). This wraps into our Emergency Response Plan. Anyone who is on call has to be trained for NIMS as a first responder. Greg and Vince did some training with the crew and they all passed the test for the NIMS IS 700. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adopt the NIMS protocol for the Emergency Response plan. Commissioner Sterk seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sterk reported that he and Greg attended a Regional Water Committee meeting earlier today to discuss the Regional group and the new chlorination facility. The current gas chlorine facility is very old and is potentially unsafe. The new facility will use a 12.5% sodium hypochlorite solution. The approximate cost of the new facility will be \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. Commissioner Sterk made a motion approving the new chlorination facility. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. The new facility is a Regional expense.

Mike Arch has the final purchase and sale agreement for the Baker Flats reservoir property. Commissioner Sterk made a motion for Greg to execute the agreement. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion.

Baker Flats ULID: Greg presented Resolution No. 588, which declared the District's intention to initiate the formation of ULID #2 and fixing a time, date and place for a public hearing. The hearing will be held on June 3, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Douglas County bldg on 19<sup>th</sup> St NW. Greg also presented Resolution No. 589, which declares the District's intent to reimburse capital expenditures in connection with the Baker Flats ULID from proceeds of a future borrowing. Commissioner McCourt made a motion approving both Resolutions as written. Commissioner Sterk seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously. Greg also discussed the other documents that will be sent to property owners affected by this ULID and also the notices for the newspapers.

Randy explained the list of parcels and properties that are deferred and the assessments for the Baker Flats ULID. Commissioner Barnes made a motion authorizing the Commissioners, Greg and staff to execute any and all documents pertaining to the Baker Flats ULID. Commissioner Sterk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg went over the WASWD calendar for April. No one will be attending any meetings this month.

Howard gave a presentation on possible changes to the sick leave program. Howard did a comparison with what the District and other agencies offer. There was a discussion and the Commissioners will think about this and make a decision at a later date.

The next regular meeting will be May 7, 2008 at 3:00pm. Commissioner Sterk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mike McCourt, President

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John Sterk, Vice President

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Terry Barnes, Secretary