

**EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

October 21, 2009

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: John Sterk, Mike McCourt and Terry Barnes. Others present: Mike Arch, Ryan Peterson, Dave Smith and Greg Brizendine. Guests included: Jim Davis, Fred Wiltse and Brian Egan.

The meeting minutes of October 7, 2009, regular board meeting were presented. A motion was made by Commissioner McCourt to accept the meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers No. 5861 to 5905 in the amount of \$278,445.71 were presented. Commissioner McCourt made a motion approving the vouchers as presented. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg introduced how irrigation meter accounts have historically been billed and requested that there be a policy made that verified how they should be billed. Greg explained some of the infrastructure costs that are associated with water rates and a few possible options on how a rate can be established. The Commissioners elected to have the base rate charges the same as a regular water meter account for the normal irrigation season and then to allow for an account to be suspended during the winter months. A motion was made by Commissioner McCourt and seconded by Commissioner Barnes, unanimous; to implement the above policy.

ULID Update: Ryan Peterson from RH2 explained the current construction status of the reservoir. Three of the four floor panels have been poured and two of the four wall segments have been poured. Ryan also discussed the status of the easements for the pipeline to the reservoir and the binding site plan submittals to Douglas County. RH2 pushing for a signature on the easements so they can be filed prior to Selland doing the HDPE water main across the pit site area. The contractor anticipates starting the HDPE water main in 2 weeks.

Greg gave a review of the updated capital improvements projects (CIP) and recommended bond sale amount to the Baker Flats ULID and some accelerated CIP projects during the next 2-3 years. The Commissioners agreed with the recommendation from staff and RH2 to sell an additional 1 million dollars in bond to construct additional projects. The concept is to take advantage of the current lower construction bidding climate and lower interest rates on bond sales. Greg with work with D. A. Davidson (bond sale), RH2, bond council and our attorney to start the process for a 2.5 million dollar bond sale.

Greg updated the commissioners on the status of the unpaid bill on the East Unit Annexation by a developer. The new owners of the property have paid the entire bill of \$12, 606.52. Greg will have Jennifer release the lien on that property.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 3:00pm.

At 3:45 pm Commissioner Barnes made a motion to move into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss litigation. Commissioner McCourt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At 3:55 pm Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Commissioner McCourt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No decisions made.

At 3:58 pm Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McCourt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

John Sterk, President

Mike McCourt, Vice President

Terry Barnes, Secretary