

**EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

November 4, 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: Randy Asplund, Jennifer Leonhardt, Dave Smith and Greg Brizendine. Mike Arch joined the meeting at 4:15pm by telephone. Guests included: Jim Davis, Fred Wiltse and Brian Egan.

The meeting minutes of October 21, 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. 5906 to 5953 in the amount of \$533,364.99 were presented. Commissioner McCourt made a motion approving the vouchers as presented. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vince went over the plant report for October. There were 11 meters sold, bringing the total to 66 meters for the year. There were three service leaks and 55 meters changed to the radio read meters. The remainder of the meters in route 16 are done and now the entire District is radio read meters.

Greg said that the dues for the Washington Water Utilities Council (WWUC) for 2009 are \$1,500. Greg also mentioned that several State agencies and Special Interest groups are working with WWUC to defend the Municipal Water Law.

Greg told the Commissioners that NW Geodimensions sent an additional scope of work for the survey work for Grant Rd from Eastmont to N. Georgia in the amount of \$2,400. This is tied to the installation of a new 12" main for the Grant Rd project. Commissioner McCourt made a motion to approve the survey work. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCourt said that he would like to remain on the WASWD Public Relations Committee for 2010. The committee meets once a month. Commissioner McCourt also requested he continue with the WASWD L & I retro committee and with the Douglas County Watershed group. Commissioner Barnes made a motion approving Commissioner McCourt to be on said committees. Commissioner Sterk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg and Randy gave an update on the Baker Flats ULID and bond. The walls of the reservoir are almost complete. Randy said that he, Dave and Greg are continuing to work to Jack McLaughlin on the bond sale. Randy commented on the anticipated rate proposal in the updated performa. Randy recommended that the District increase the excess rate from \$1.35 to \$1.40 for 2010, \$.50 increase on the base rate for 2011 and \$.05 increase on the excess rate in 2012. The Commissioners agreed with this preliminary recommendation and will discuss it at a future meeting in more detail.

Commissioner McCourt made a motion at 3:45pm to start executive session to discuss union issues and employee performance. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resume regular session at 4:50pm. There is an increase in the PEBB insurance premiums for 2010. The Public Employees benefit Board has increased the plan's premium costs, which includes new and additional deductibles and co-pays to employees. Commissioner McCourt made a motion authorizing Dave to create a VEBA account for each employee and contribute \$20 per month to that employee account to help off-set the additional insurance cost to the employee. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioner requested a special meeting on November 10, 2009 at 4:00pm to discuss an employee matter. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55pm. Commissioner McCourt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

John Sterk, President

Mike McCourt, Vice President

Terry Barnes, Secretary