

**RESOLUTION NO. 448**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 410 BACKHOE**

WHEREAS, the East Wenatchee Water District is in need of purchasing another backhoe to carry out the day to day operations of the district and,

WHEREAS, the district has two backhoes at the present time but the 1978 hoe is in need of substantial repairs, whereby quotes have ranged from \$8,000 to \$12,000, but it has over 17,000 hours on the hour meter and it is virtually impossible to determine how much longer the district can rely on it for dependability that is needed within the district's operation and,

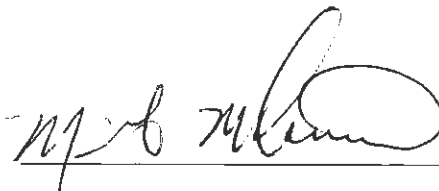
WHEREAS, both the John Deere dealer and Caterpillar dealer have loaned backhoes to the district for demonstration use in order for the employees to determine which, in their opinion, would be the better machine and after testing each machine in the field for a ten day period, it was the unanimous decision of all the employees that the John Deere was their clear choice and,

WHEREAS, we currently have a John Deere 410 hoe that is essentially the same as the one chosen by the employees, but equally important the buckets and compactors are interchangeable, thereby making the purchase of the John Deere more compatible and,

WHEREAS, quotes were obtained from the two dealers with the caterpillar being \$58,420 and the John Deere being \$60,566, plus tax, with a trade in of \$10,000 being allowed from both dealers, it was believed to be in the best interest of the district to purchase the John Deere because of the flexibility of being able to interchange the equipment.

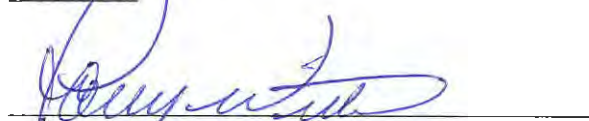
NEW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT, the manager is hereby authorized to proceed with the purchase of the John Deere backhoe for the amount set forth above, plus sales tax. Said purchase is to be on a five year contract with interest at 5%.

ADOPTED, this 29th day of August, 1996, by the Board of Commissioners of the East Wenatchee Water District, Douglas County, Washington at a regular meeting thereof.



Mike McCourt, President

ATTEST:

  
Larry Witte, Secretary

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