

MINUTES
KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT 125
Thursday, May 9, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM

Present

Commissioners	President John Thompson, Secretary Mike Hihn
Staff	Russ Austin, Ann Wilson
Consultants	Steve Moen, General Counsel; Bob Stanton, Engineers;
Guests	Jim Rick and Art Rosengren, Ratepayers

Consent Agenda

Minutes from April 25th were accepted as amended.

Old Business

Policy: Creating Agendas. Commissioners adopted the new policy for preparing meeting agendas (see Minutes from April 25) – to be numbered, indexed and signed as a Resolution.

Payroll. Ann Wilson said that Commissioner Hihn's disputed check had been reissued as he originally wanted, with a fixed income tax withholding of \$75.00, on the advice of the district's counsel and CPA. Hihn asked how the January replacement check could be issued, for an amount different than approved by the commissioners. Wilson responded that each warrant is reviewed by both the accountant and the state auditor.

Correspondence with City of Tukwila: Remaining code obligations. Steve Moen presented a preliminary report, consisting of a Time Line, regarding correspondence between City of Tukwila and the District, regarding the purchase and improvements at the maintenance site and facilities. The purpose is to determine what outstanding obligations may remain, if any, to satisfy City codes.

Commissioner Hihn questioned the listing of Thomas Rousch as the Buyer's Agent, because the District had never paid him – claiming that Russ Austin had earlier stated, in writing, that Rousch was paid by the Seller. Austin denied having written that Rousch was the Seller's agent. Discussion was that Rousch had been paid from the proceeds of the sale, in which case Hihn said he'd have been a seller's agent.

Commissioner Thompson noted that the selling price was \$825,000.

Because some contacts had not yet been made, Moen will investigate further.

Attorney Determination. An attorney roster had been developed, after advertising for legal services. No action was taken at this time.

Warrants were reviewed and approved, for total payments of \$97,873.71

Contract 01-2 was awarded to James Guess in the amount of \$98,942.72, for Water Main Replacement – 35th Ave. South and South 130th St.

Resolution 02 05 09 341: Commending Gary Johnson. Commissioners adopted a Resolution commending Gary Johnson, on the occasion of his retirement, for his 16 years of service to the ratepayers, staff and commissioners of Water District No. 125.

New Business

Support Kelly Snyder. Commissioners voted \$750.00, as the District's annual share of supporting Kelly Snyder's fees and expenses. Snyder represents water and sewer interests on the King County Growth Management Council, with expenses shared by King County members of the state water and sewer association.

Reports

John Thompson reported that Tacoma wants full control of the new pipeline to Lake Youngs. A report from Westport claims there are so many salmon that bottom fishing is almost impossible. District 20 is expected to sign the new water supply contract this week. Thompson expressed dissatisfaction with the scheduling of workshops at the latest water/sewer conference,

Mike Hihn said that the conference committee had already abandoned doing four separate tracks. He reported on one workshop that introduced new billing technologies – where vendors can now cheaply do all the billing and mailing, collect the money, deposit to the district's account, and provide the bookkeeping entries. Hihn gave an update on the budget preparation being done by himself and the district's CPA – for which Hihn and Thompson agreed that two additional weeks would be a sufficient deadline (now June 13th).

Russ Austin reported on workshops he had attended at the AWWA conference in Oregon: small-water systems, water quality, managing demand during droughts, financial planning for capital projects, and others.

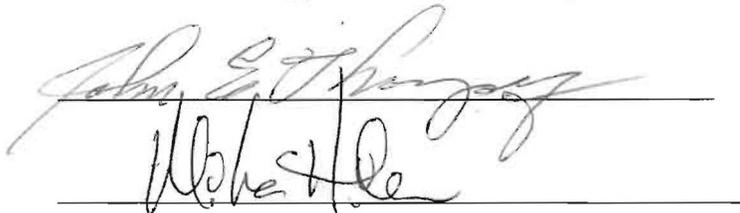
Steve Moen reported that the ad to create an Architect's roster would appear in The Daily Journal on the upcoming Monday.

Meeting Frequency. President Thompson expressed his desire to stay with two meetings per month, so we'd be better able to stay on top of things. The next scheduled meeting is on May 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Michael J. Hihn, Secretary.

Minutes approved on this 23rd day of May, 2002



Two handwritten signatures are present. The top signature is in cursive and appears to read "John E. Thompson". The bottom signature is also in cursive and appears to read "Michael J. Hihn". Both signatures are written over horizontal lines.