

MINUTES
KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT 125
Thursday, September 26, 2002

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. In attendance were:

Commissioners: Jim Rick, Mike Hihn
Staff: Ann Wilson, Russ Austin, Dave Burleson
Consultants: Bob Stanton, Marty Penhallegon, Engineers; Steve Moen, Attorney
Guests: Art Rosengren, Rick Forschler, John Thompson, Gary Johnson

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

a) **Approval of the Agenda.** One item was deleted, the executive session.

3. **The Minutes from the August 8, 2002** were a discussion and tabled until the next meeting.
The Minutes from the August 22, 2002 were a discussion and also tabled until the next meeting.
4. **Voucher approval.** Vouchers numbered 17552 – 17606 in the amount of \$171,695.98 were reviewed and approved for payment.
5. **Staff/Rate Resolution.** Russ Austin presented to the Board a rate increase resolution. Seattle Public Utilities raised their rates on September 16, 2002 and this increase Russ Austin presented to the Board would be a “pass through” from SPU.

There was a lengthy discussion whether the rate increase applied to 125 according to the new contract that was signed. The District will be able to obtain clarification from SPU next week and this will be discussed at our next meeting.

6. **Commissioner/Jim Rick**

Jim Rick stated he had received a tape of the minutes from Mike Hihn and had not opened it, as according to Rod Kaseguma, experienced General Legal Counsel to Washington Association of Water-Sewer Districts, it would have been illegal to do so. Emails and faxes between commissioners were also illegal according to the Open Public Meeting act. Mike Hihn offered to provide notes from Rod Kaseguma’s workshop stating otherwise.

Jim Rick asked who invited the attendance of Marty Penhallegon, engineer. Mike Hihn said he had. Jim Rick stated he was not invited by Board approval but requested by one Board member, Mike Hihn, to attend and Jim Rick wanted to know who was going to pay for his time. Mike Hihn stated he was not going to pay individually for his time and asked for Steve Moen’s opinion. Steve Moen replied that if an invoice was sent, it would be processed as usual and would or would not be approved by the Board members.

Jim Rick, in review of the faxes sent by Mike Hihn, asked why he wanted to work with staff to replace/revise all meeting minutes from the past 18 months which have been approved and signed off by Mike Hihn himself.

Jim Rick stated as a correction to Mike Hihn’s faxes that he did not know prior to his appointment that Mike Hihn would not appoint a commissioner without a public newsletter.

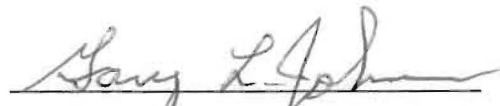
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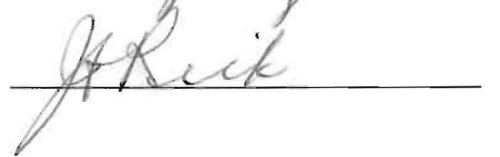
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