

Minutes  
King County Water District No. 125  
10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 08, 2003

Commissioner John Thompson, called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 125 to order at the District office located at 2849 South 150th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Present were:	Commissioners:	John Thompson Jim Rick Jerry Thornton
	Staff:	Ann Wilson, Office Manager Russ Austin, Superintendent
	Consultants:	Bob Stanton, Engineer John Milne, Attorney
	Guest:	Art Rosengren, ratepayer

**Approval of Agenda:** Commissioner Thornton made a motion to accept the agenda and Commissioner Rick seconded which carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes and Vouchers:** Commissioner Rick made a motion and Jerry Thornton seconded that carried unanimously.

Vouchers 18681 – 18725I in the amount of \$70,900.92 were presented for review. Commissioner Rick made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Thornton which carried unanimously to approve the vouchers.

**Reports:** Russ Austin updated the Board on Contract 2003-1.

Ann Wilson invited the Commissioners to attend the State Auditor's exit conference on October 14, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. Wilson will confirm the time with Joyce Wong, the auditor, and will advise the Commissioners.

Wilson read a letter from Alfred Henno, ratepayer, who was late in paying his August bill and was assessed a penalty. Henno's letter stated that he had not received his bill. The Board asked if he was diligent in paying his bills on time and, if so, whether the Board had the authority to entertain a motion to relieve him of the penalty on a one-time only basis. Milne advised he felt the Board had the authority and discretion to grant Henno relief due to a good payment record. Following discussion, Commissioner Rick made a motion and Commissioner Thornton seconded which carried unanimously to relieve Henno of the penalty on a one-time-only basis if he had a good payment record.

Bob Stanton is reviewing the South King County Ground Water Management Plan. Commissioner Thompson asked Stanton and Austin to review projects within the District and, if warranted, have Stanton look into funding the projects through Public Works

Trust Fund loans. Following discussion, the other Commissioners concurred and staff and Stanton will proceed with the work and report back to the Board.

**Litigation:** Milne reported on the status of the Build & Design litigation. He will keep the Board further advised.

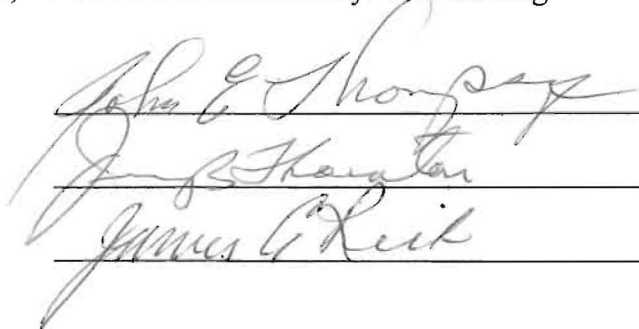
**Commissioners:** Commissioner Rick expressed concern about a ratepayer coming to his house to discuss the District's possible joint construction of a new shared office building with Val Vue Sewer District and the same ratepayer talking to a Water District 125 employee during District working hours about his position on a shared office building. Rick Forschler, a ratepayer, has a web site, which states, "The (Val Vue) Commissioners then began negotiations with Water District 125 to construct a shared office building. Although the final cost savings are still uncertain, it appears the combined savings to the rate payers of both districts could be \$1,000,000 or more." Commissioner Rick stated there hasn't been a cost study performed by Water District 125 or at least none had been provided to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Rick requested a vote as to whether the Water District 125 Board desired to build a shared office building with Val Vue Sewer District. Commissioner Thompson asked that the vote be delayed until after the general election when he is no longer on Val Vue's Board of Commissioners. He had been appointed as a commissioner to that board on an interim basis to serve until a permanent commissioner was elected. Following discussion, the Board concurred and deferred a vote on the matter until the November 12, 2003 regular Board meeting.

The Commissioners requested Austin invite Page & Beard to the next meeting on October 22, 2003 to present project costs that had apparently already been presented to the Val Vue Board at it's meeting on October 7, 2003.

Commissioner Thompson requested that a list of BMP Plans, Disaster Plans and Vulnerability Assessment, etc and their deadlines be created. The other commissioners agreed. The Board requested Penhallegon & Associates to prepare the list and add any other plans that may be due.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Thornton seconded, which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



John E. Thompson  
James B. Stanton  
James C. Rick