

MINUTES

King County Water District 125 Commissioner's Meeting

Monday, November 8, 1999

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Present were: Commissioners Gary Johnson, Wm Brownfield, John Thompson. Engineers: ~~Susan Boyd~~, Bob Stanton, Attorney: Steve Paul Moen, Staff: Ann Wilson, Russ Austin.

2. Minutes approval

The minutes of the October 28, 1999 meeting were approved.

3. Voucher approval

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.040.080 and that reimbursement certified by RCW 42.040.090 have been made available to the Board. As of this date, all vouchers numbered 14386 – 14401 in the amount of \$18,172.48 were approved for payment.

4. Chair's Report

A report to all the purveyors regarding the several "new" proposals that have been drafted for rate increase and presented by SPU to the Utilities Committee on November 3, 1999. Information is to be reviewed. The decision regarding these rate proposals will be made on November 17th or 18th prior to the next full Purveyor meeting.

Due to the lateness of Seattle Public Utilities rate proposals, the Board requested the engineers to present the rate increase on the first December meeting.

5. Soos Creek Water & Sewer Environmental Protection Plan

Soos Creek is in the process of developing an Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) which will be the District's response to the recent listing of the Chinook Salmon and the upcoming list of the Bull Trout under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The National Marine Fisheries Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service will be issuing the 4d rule requirements for these species by the end of 1999. Their EPP is intended to meet those rule requirements. Soos Creek has budgeted an amount of \$250,000 to create this Plan. The Soos Creek Board has approved staff's recommendation of \$1,000 as a fair participatory amount to offset the District's cost. Inasmuch as Soos Creek has developed the plan, we feel it may eliminate the redundancy of each district expending additional funds for the same result. When District 125 remits payment, we will receive an electronic version of the Plan, once approved.

6. Motion

By motion duly made seconded and carried, the Board approved the Soos Creek invoice for \$1,000 for the Environmental Protection Plan CD-ROM Environmental Plan, including Table of Contents and Best management Practices.

7. CWA vote

The Commissioners deliberated extensively on whether the District should join CWA and rely on that organization for its future water supply. The District participated in good faith throughout contract negotiations and the formation of CWA. The District was unable to negotiate changes to the membership offer CWA proposed to the District, which the District felt was based on inaccurate parameters. CWA said they would be reviewed after the contract was signed. It was also apparent the required 75% sign up by purveyors was not going to be achieved. As a result, the District determined it would not be prudent to enter into a contract that had no potential validity.

8. Motion

By motion made, seconded and carried, the Board voted unanimously against joining CWA.

The Board requested the engineers write a letter to Seattle Public Utilities informing them of our decision and requesting continuation of the wholesale relationship with SPU regardless of the expiration of the existing supply contract,

Agreement with formerly Skyway now Bryn Mawr/Lakeside Water & Sewer

An agreement entered into the 8th day of November whereby the parties agreed to jointly request Seattle Public Utilities to modify its billing methodology for the purpose of metering water usage from the reservoir and the quantity attributable to each district.

9. Motion

By motion made, seconded and carried, the Board approved the billing methodology agreement and it was signed by Russ Austin.

10. Office Manager/Surplus

Ann Wilson requested the Board declare the following surplus: the old copier, the old phone system and the old billing system.

11. Motion/Surplus

By motion made seconded and carried the old copier, phone system and billing system were declared surplus.

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12. Meeting Canceled

The second meeting of November was canceled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

13. Adjournment

By motion made seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Gary L. Johns
Wes Brownfield
John E. Thompson