

Minutes
King County Water District No. 125
10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 26, 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's office located at 2849 South 150th Street, Seattle, WA.

Present were: Commissioners: John Thompson, Jim Rick and Jerry Thornton
Staff: Jamie Mann, Asst. Office Mgr; Russ Austin, Superintendent
Guests: Art Rosengren and Gary Johnson

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

Approval of Minutes and Vouchers: Commissioner Rick made a motion to approve the November 12, 2003 minutes as written and Jerry Thornton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Vouchers 18797- 18821 in the amount of \$40,396 was presented for review. Commissioner Thornton made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Rick, which carried unanimously to approve the vouchers.

Reports: Mr. Austin updated the Board on the District's construction projects. Capital Improvement Project 2003-1; the District is waiting for Qwest to complete their portion of the job so that the District may close.

Mr. Austin explained that there is a delay in the emergency project for the City of Tukwila as the cities are waiting for permits.

Ms. Mann reported to the Board that Michele Johnson resigned from her part time position on October 31, 2003. The District has hired Jessica (Jesse) Elliott for the part time position. Ms. Elliott is a full time student at Highline Community College.

Ms. Mann presented the annual figures to the Board regarding the 2004 Cost of Living. According to the Consumer Price Index ending in August 2003 the Cost of Living will be 2.2%.

Discussion was held on the District budget for 2004 and a financial report for the current year. Ms. Mann stated that she would try producing those reports for the December 10, 2003 Board meeting.

Commissioner Thompson reported on some legislature issues regarding assumptions and utility taxes. Discussion was held regarding the state associations conference for new commissioners. The conference is January 10th, 2004; Mr. Thornton stated he would like to attend.

Discussion was held in regards to potentially building a new administration building. The following meeting changes have been scheduled.

December 8th, 2003 Commissioner Rick will meet with District Personnel to discuss the new building option,

December 9th, 2003 the District will meet with Page & Beard architects to review the presented numbers,

December 10th, 2004 will be the regular meeting

December 24th, 2003 meeting has been changed to December 23rd, 2004.

Mr. Austin stated that an appraisal of the District properties should be back by the middle of December. A meeting with ValVue Sewer District will be scheduled after the first of the year.

New Business: Mr. Austin reported that the Military Leave of Mr. Burleson for potentially 18 months leaves a vacancy in the field. Mr. Austin stated that it would be difficult to fill a position for only 18 months and would like to have the authority to hire one full time position for the field. Commissioner Rick made a motion to hire one full time position for the field; Commissioner Thornton, which carried unanimously, seconded motion. Mr. Burleson retains his seniority.

Adjournment: Commissioner Rick made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Thornton seconded which passed unanimously.






