

Heceta Water People's Utility District
87845 Hwy 101
Florence, OR 97439
Minutes of
March 17, 2015
Board of Directors' Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wendy Rohner called the meeting of the HWPUD to order on March 17, 2015 at 4:07 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Directors Chuck Gesik, Wendy Rohner, Jim Sievers; General Manager Carl Neville and Vickie Kennedy. Shauna Boyd, Lillian Hunter, and Virginia Schwerin and Mary Lehman were in the audience. Bob Hursh and Debby Todd were absent. Mike Buckwald was excused.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Lehman asked about the Water Quality Committee. She appreciates the public notice given about the spraying that will take place on the Chernock property. She also appreciates the fact that we are a PUD. There is a bill in the Senate that builds a larger buffer zone around water sources (SB613). Shauna Boyd brought up the issue of the spraying, also. She is part of a group called Protect Florence Aquifer, as many people are realizing that both HWPUD and the City of Florence depend on the same aquifer for their water. She reported on petitions circulating through Florence businesses. There will be a website set up for the group and will be found at protectflorenceaquifer.com.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Heceta Water People's Utility District's Board of Directors' meeting held on February 17, 2015 were presented.

ACTION: Director Gesik made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Director Sievers seconded the motion. Directors Gesik, Rohner, and Sievers voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried.

The minutes of the Heceta Water People's Utility District's Special Meeting held on February 24, 2015 were presented.

ACTION: Director Sievers made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Director Gesik seconded the motion. Directors Gesik, Rohner, and Sievers voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In light of the issue concerning the dunal aquifer that affects Florence and HWPUD, President Rohner hopes that Florence and HWPUD will be able to work cooperatively on this issue.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

GM Neville presented the financial report as Mr. Buckwald is tied up with work. The Main and Distribution Repair line item will be over budget by the end of the year by about \$5,000 because of the Martin Road repairs. However, the fund category will not be over budget.

ACTION: Director Gesik made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Director Sievers seconded the motion. Directors Gesik, Rohner, and Sievers voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried.

7. STAFF REPORT

GM Neville reported on the flushing that has been going on. This also included testing fire flows with the fire department. The District fire flows are higher than anyone anticipated. The flushing is the cause of the water quality reports that were received this month.

8. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

ACTION: Director Rohner made a motion to appoint Alan Whiteside as a budget committee member. Director Gesik seconded the motion. Directors Gesik, Rohner, and Sievers voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried.

ACTION: Director Gesik made a motion to appoint General Manager Carl Neville as the budget officer for 2014-15. Director Sievers seconded the motion. Directors Gesik, Rohner, and Sievers voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. CIP – Ray Wells had the lowest bid for the Capital Improvement Projects. GM Neville anticipates that the work will begin in May.

ACTION: Director Sievers made a motion to award Ray Wells the contract for the Capital Improvement Projects for \$1,154,339.00. Director Gesik seconded the motion. Directors Gesik, Rohner, and Sievers voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion was carried.

b. Spraying – GM Neville gave copies of newspaper articles and emails concerning the spraying to the Board members. He has been in communication with Mike Miller with the City and Doug Chernock. GM Neville explained his plan for baseline testing to keep an eye on the effect of the spraying on our water source.

c. Open House – GM Neville announced that he would like to plan an open house at the District instead of an annual meeting at Driftwood Shores towards the end of June on a Friday afternoon.

d. Budget Meeting schedule – The schedule is proposed at this time waiting for Mike Buckwald's approval based on his schedule.

11. ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

Verizon Wireless – GM Neville reported what he submitted to them as a contract. No word from them.

12. AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Status of Verizon situation

Budget Committee Meeting schedule

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 5:55 pm