

Heceta Water People's Utility District
87845 Hwy 101
Florence, OR 97439
May 19, 2015
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Rohner called the Board of Directors' meeting of the HWPUD to order on May 19, 2015 at 4:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Chuck Gesik, Wendy Rohner, Jim Sievers and Debby Todd; Secretary of Record Mike Buckwald, General Manager Carl Neville, Vickie Kennedy; in the audience were Shauna Boyd, Gene Chickinell, Leonard Buckley, Mindy Stone, and Nancy McKimens. Director Bob Hursh was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gene Chickinell requested reasonable consideration from the Board as he wants to put in a different water line that is different than what the General Manager requests. Shauna Boyd requested that the Board write a letter to the legislature in regard to protecting the Clear Lake watershed. Mindy Stone voiced her support of the Protect the Aquifer group's efforts to protect the watershed. Nancy McKimens addressed the history of watershed protection and wondered why the county and the district have become lax.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ACTION: Director Sievers made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2015 minutes as presented. Director Gesik seconded the motion. Directors Gesik, Rohner, Sievers and Todd all voted aye. There were no nay votes.

The minutes of the HWPUD's Board of Directors' meeting held on April 21, 2015 will be held over until the June meeting, when a quorum of members present at that meeting can vote.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rohner is pleased that the Central Lincoln project has not adversely affected HWPUD's water lines.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Mike Buckwald

Things are going quite well. Revenue is on target.

ACTION: Director Sievers made a motion to accept the financial report. Director Gesik seconded the motion. Directors Gesik, Rohner, Sievers and Todd all voted aye. There were no nae votes. The motion carried.

7. STAFF REPORT – Carl Neville

GM Neville shared information about the spraying in the watershed and the involvement of the Department of Agriculture and Department of Forestry.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Open House – will be held on June 26th from 11 am – 2 pm. Fire Department will be present, plant tours will be available, hot dogs and chips, etc, and water issue demonstrations. This will be a casual ‘mix and mingle’.

b. COLA – the COLA presented was a 2.4% increase.

ACTION: Director Todd made a motion to approve the 2.4% COLA. Director Gesik seconded the motion. Directors Gesik, Rohner, Sievers and Todd all voted aye. There were no nae votes.

c. Rate Scale – GM Neville has proposed a small rate increase as insurance for the future, and because we haven’t had an increase since 2009. His proposal is a 2.5% increase to the base rate only. After a discussion, the Board asked for comparison of increase in expenditures to justify a 2.5% increase.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. General Manager’s Evaluation Directions – handed out to Directors. The evaluation will be reported on at the June meeting.

10. ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

There was a discussion about the meter placement issue that Gene Chickinell brought up during Public Comment. There is controversy about who owns the gate, the property and the easements. The Board asked GM Neville to write a letter for President Rohner to sign informing Mr. Chickinell that the Board supports the General Manager’s recommendation that will not allow him to move the meter location from its current location.

Director Sievers asked how the board can get a readable copy of the financial report. GM Neville will have copies available for board members on Friday afternoons.

The Board directed GM Neville to draft a letter for the Directors to send to the Oregon State Legislature, expressing their desire for stronger laws to protect the watershed.

11. AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.