

**EAST WENATCHEE WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

January 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the East Wenatchee Water District was held in the District's Office at 692 Eastmont Avenue at 3:00pm. Members present: Brian Egan, Mike McCourt and Terry Barnes. Others present: Vince Johnston, Jennifer Leonhardt, Anna Colin, Jeff Johnston, Shawn Wilkerson, Randy Asplund and Dale Foreman.

Commissioner Egan took the Oath of Office for the next six years.

Commissioner Egan made a motion approving the minutes from December 16, 2015. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers in the amount of \$356,024.22 were presented. Commissioner Egan made a motion approving the vouchers as presented. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vince presented Resolution No. 671. This Resolution accepts Western Sunset Phases 1 & 2. Commissioner Egan made a motion approving the Resolution as written. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vince told the Commissioners that a customer purchased a meter out at Baker Flats before purchasing the property. The sale fell through on the property and the customer would like his money back from the meter purchase. The customer wrote a letter to the Commissioners explaining the situation. The Commissioners agreed to refund the amount of the meter purchase less the cost to install and remove the meter.

Shawn went over the plant report for December. There were two meters sold, bringing the total to 84 meters for the year. There were two service leaks and one main leak.

Randy went over the bid for the 10th St watermain. The apparent low bidder was Tapani Inc. Randy, Ryan, Jeff and Vince went over the bid tabulation very carefully. Randy went over the areas where the cost differences are. Randy said that he and Vince have talked with the owner, Todd of Tapani and he is confident they can perform the work for the bid amount. Jennifer will have a Resolution ready for the next meeting to accept the bid and move forward.

Vince and Jeff talked about a future prioritization plan that would include a plan to replace aging infrastructure, specifically steel water main, a non-capital item. The District has 75 miles of aging steel water mains. The plan would start with the worst areas first, which include areas south of Grant Road around Tedford & 1st St SE (the Pearcot Addition). The Commissioners agreed with this. Vince also noted that FCS has submitted their data request in order to start the rate study. FCS anticipates meeting with the Commissioners in mid February.

Commissioner McCourt said that WASWD has asked Districts for input on capping utility taxes in exchange for the right of ratepayers to vote on any proposed assumption by a city. There was a discussion. The Commissioners agreed that they are in favor of a cap of 6% utility tax.

The next regular meeting will be January 20, 2016 at 3:00pm.

Commissioner Egan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10pm. Commissioner McCourt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike McCourt, President

G. Brian Egan, Vice President

Terry Barnes, Secretary