

WATER DISTRICT 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, April 8, 2014

REGULAR MEETING
4:30 PM

Meeting came to order at 4:32 PM

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the District's Office. Those in attendance were President **Richard Bard**, Commissioners **Bob Powell** and **Jenny Bell**, General Manager **Jeff Lakin**, Operations Lead **Armin Wahanik** and Office Administrator **Melody Snyder**. Gregory Reed – Manager of Island Meadow Farm

1. VISITOR BUSINESS –

- Gregory Reed from Island Meadow Farm advised he is VIGA's liaison with the WD19 Board and is available for discussions of water efficient farming practices to assist the Board with their decisions. He discussed small farm irrigation and conservation and that he sees WD19 water as always being important to his farming because it is regularly tested and therefore most appropriate for irrigating his edible crops. He also discussed possible federal regulations on the horizon that could affect how farmers irrigate.

2. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Agenda – The topic order of the Agenda was discussed to clarify how items are prioritized and to limit staff overtime. The Board agreed that notetaking by staff and the presence of the General Manager to answer questions continues to be important and that practices should remain as is regardless of impact on overtime costs.
- Pricing Policy and Conservation – discussion continued on the grey water presentation from the March 25th meeting. **Commissioner Bell** informed the Board of her intention to run an island workshop on grey water re-use. **Commissioner Powell** has put his stamp of approval on grey water irrigation and supports issuance of a Board statement to District customers encouraging the use of grey water. **Commissioner Bell and Powell** agreed on a statement on greywater irrigation: that they support local farming, that they support incentivizing WD19 customers to be water-efficient and that they are supportive of alternative water supply such as greywater re-use.

There was a discussion on a rate structure for customers/commercial businesses irrigating with District water (i.e. farming and garden centers). **Commissioner Bell** recommended moving forward with policy development pertaining to rates/conservation for agriculture. **Commissioners Bard and Powell** recommended **Commissioner Bell** begin work on drafting a policy for future discussion. **Commissioner Bell** will begin research to mine information to use as a template.

- The Board scheduled a meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 22nd at 1:00 PM
- **Innovation Plan – Postponed for the April 22nd, 2014 meeting**
- **Modeling a rate structure for conservation – Postponed for the April 22nd, 2014 meeting**
- **Seasonal water issues calendar and project - Postponed for the April 22nd, 2014 meeting**
- Approval of minutes – Tuesday, March 25, 2014 – The minutes were read and approved as corrected.
- Low income – **Commissioner Bell** reported that she spoke with Yvonne Pitrof of the Vashon Food Bank and she suggested three agencies on Vashon in which they could provide assistance to the district with the low income program. The agencies on Vashon are Vashon

Youth and Family Services, St. Vincent de Paul and IFCH (Interfaith Council for the Homeless). As they already run similar programs, this wouldn't be a burden on them. **Commissioner Bell** will prepare wording for a motion and report back to the Board.

3. OPERATIONS REPORT - Presented by Operations Lead Armin Wahanik

- Treatment plant was off the first part of March due to the heavy rainfall. The system PRV's have been calibrated and set to the recommended settings. Received a handful of calls by customers regarding changes in pressure. May need to fine tune some settings after initial observations.

Operations Tech I Kassik is in the middle of flushing. Hope to be done by the end of the month.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Presented by General Manager Jeff Lakin

- Department of Public Health – Response came back to the District in regarding our letter concerning testing of private wells. In short, Health stated owners are responsible for monitoring their own wells. There are no statutes that would force well owners to test their wells.

5. SIGN APPROVED MINUTES IN BOOK – there were no minutes to sign

6. SIGN VOUCHERS

The meeting concluded at 6:15 PM