

**NORTH BEACH PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**AND**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RATE INCREASE**

**MAY 19, 2008**

<u>Board Members:</u>	Jim Hagen Brad Weatherby	R.D. Williams Richard Schroeder
<u>Absent:</u>	Tom Downer, Excused	
<u>Others:</u>	Michael Berlien Gwen Brake	Tia Crisifulli Members of the Public

President Williams opened the monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Fire Hall. He advised that Board Member Tom Downer was absent, with an excused absence. He welcomed the public and advised the public that we would have a short Business Meeting prior to the 2008 Public Rate Hearing. The summation of the 2008 Public Rate Hearing will be in a separate document from the Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION BY BRAD WEATHERBY, SECONDED BY JIM HAGEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2008 AND A SPECIAL MEETING MAY 6, 2008. MOTION CARRIED.**

President Williams presented the Board with the April Financial reports and Cash Flow Updates.

**General Managers Report** – Michael Berlien presented his monthly report, stating that they have been busy with routine improvements in the system. They spent much time and labor on lines on 250<sup>th</sup> and 251<sup>st</sup>. Jim Hagen inquired about well production since we rehabilitated these wells in the spring of 2007. Michael reported that Well SO-1, South has dropped off to about 50 gpm; all others are running well.

**FEMA/WGEP Update** – General Manager Berlien reported that we need to complete the projects that were to be funded by these two entities over the summer or we will lose funding for them. He will have a report at the June Meeting on the anticipated scope and cost.

**2008 Consumer Confidence Reports – Ocean Park Water and Pacific Water** – The Board had received copies of these reports to be mailed out to the public in their Board Packets. **MOTION BY JIM HAGEN, SECONDED BY RICHARD SCHROEDER TO**

ACCEPT THE CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS AS PRESENTED AND MAIL THE REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC IN JUNE. MOTION CARRIED.

**Payment of Vouchers** – The vouchers for May were in the Agenda packets for review by the Board prior to the meeting. MOTION BY BRAD WEATHERBY, SECONDED BY JIM HAGEN, TO PAY THE VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,633.42. MOTION CARRIED.

President Williams then opened the continuation of the 2008 Public Rate Hearing, at 6:07 PM. Because the hearing was being held on two consecutive Monday evenings, May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>, the details of the comments made during the questions and answer period of the hearing will be found in a separate document. The list of those in attendance each evening will also be contained in the summation. The formal hearing was closed at 7:42 PM and President Williams informed the Public that the 2008 Public Rate Hearing was closed, the public comment period has concluded, and no additional comments would be considered. He informed the Public; that it would be his recommendation to hold a joint Special Meeting with the NBPDA Board of Directors and the new North Beach Water District Commissioners to review the testimony and make a recommendation of a new rate structure at that time. The results of those Board recommendations would then be announced and approved at the next regular NBPDA Board Meeting on June 16, 2008. The new rates would be placed into effect July 1, 2008.

President Williams informed the public that the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues for 10 minutes, and that no action would be taken as a result of the Executive Session. He thanked the Public for their attendance and participation and they were dismissed. The meeting room was cleared by 8:00 PM., and the Board then went into Executive Session. The Board emerged from Executive Session at 8:10 PM. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, June 16, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Pacific County Fire Protection District #1 Meeting Room.

  
RD Williams, President

  
Celsa Johnson, Secretary

**NORTH BEACH PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR RATE INCREASE**

**MAY 12, 2008**

Board Members: Richard Schroeder R.D. Williams  
Brad Weatherby Tom Downer

Absent: Jim Hagen

NBWD Commissioners: Gwen Brake Brian Sheldon

Others (Per Sign-In Sheet)

Bob Kowolchuk	2800 – 233rd Lane	665-4204
Tom Peters	2727 – 233 <sup>rd</sup> Lane	665-5593
John C. Romero	2705 – 233 <sup>rd</sup> Lane	244-4284
Karen Chapin	2300 V Street	665-5583
Harriet Cavalli	25301 Park/Box 945	665-3446
Margaret and Bill Eastman	24801 L Place	665-6283
Neal Emond		
David Sargeant	1600 222 <sup>nd</sup> Place	665-3179
Tia Crisifulli	2516 274 <sup>th</sup> Place	665-4903
Norm Ploium	1712 274 <sup>th</sup> Place	665-3421
Marilyn Sheldon		665-2804
Don and Jan Amend	1916 270 <sup>th</sup>	665-3166
Rob & Debbie Richmond	24818 “U” St	665-5956
Wilbur Doris King	2980 – 272	665-5450
John Allen	2610 – 248 <sup>th</sup>	(503) 781-1891
Dick Stulte	24702 “Y” Lane	665-2497
John Bukovi	1412 – 273 <sup>rd</sup> Pl	(360) 907-2607
Henry Dean	1201 Bay Avenue	665-3800
Tom Walker	1401- 264	665-6608
Thelma Sembach	19408 K Place	665-6686
Ed Elm	23904 K Lane	665-4406
Gary Stratton	19405 “K” Place	665-3409
Richard Bonney	19502 “U” Place	665-3191
Sheryl Wren	24204 Ash Place	665-6224
Joy Weber	PO Box 400	665-5505
Curt Stephens	PO Box 339	665-4585
Donn Souft	PO Box 1208	665-2376
Gail Young	1904 – 222 <sup>nd</sup> Pl	665-2380
Jon Dickerson	20420 Crane Place	665-3065
Karen Schaffe	25918 “R” Street	665-4027
Cate Gable	PO Box 92, Nahcotta	665-5340

Attendees, May 12, continued....

Fred H. Hill	2217 – 227 <sup>th</sup> Place	665-4767
Bob Caswell	25204 Sandridge Road	665-6535
Nancy Main	1601 – 262 <sup>nd</sup>	665-5340
Ginger Bish	26205 Sandridge Road	665-3016
Dwain Miller	29122 “O” Street	--

The hearing opened at 6:00 PM at the Fire District Station 1 Hall. President Williams introduced the Board and the Water District Commissioners. He asked for decorum from the audience and encouraged questions and comments from anyone who wished to be heard.

General Manager Michael Berlien presented an overview of the proposed rate increases. President Williams then took questions and comments from the floor.

Their questions and comments ranged from “Why did we pay so much for the system?” to concern for a commercial account that has high usage, making an estimated 215% increase by 2012. There was hope that there could be a method for those on very low income could take advantage of a system like the PUD has to help those who qualified for help with their bills. Ginger Bish stated that just as in all things at this time, an increase is almost inevitable.

Several of those present expressed frustration that the service fee is so high, especially for those who are gone from the peninsula over the winter months. Many felt that the usage should be higher and there could be a step rate for those who use excessive amounts of water.

Rob Richmond told of his fire at his office on Bay Avenue a couple of years ago. There was no water available to fight the fire. With the improvements made just in the last year, he likely would have not suffered the total loss that occurred. Others present had more general questions, such as who has experience in running a water district.

Everyone was invited to speak. The session was tape recorded and the General Manager has sent the contents of the tapes to the Board members for further consideration. The hearing was closed at 7:30 PM, and would continue on or about 6:00 PM May 19, 2008 and those who wished to present written testimony could do so until the next meeting on May 19, 2008.

The listing of those present at the continuation of the hearing on May 19, 2008 is below.

## MAY 19, 2008 CONTINUATION OF RATE HEARING

Board Members Present:    RD Williams                    Richard Schroeder  
                                         Jim Hagen                         Brad Weatherby

Absent:                         Tom Downer

Water District Commissioners:  
                                         Gwen Brake                         RD Williams

### Others (Per Roster)

Dolores Carr	1706 – 194 <sup>th</sup>	665-4922
Winnie Martin	1310 273 <sup>rd</sup> Pl.	665-4938
Melda and Don Boursaw	1201 – 228 <sup>th</sup> Lane	665-4426
Gwen Weseman	226 <sup>th</sup> Lane	665-5369
Don Mose	2895 – 231 <sup>st</sup>	665-4217
Charles Payne	2827 – 231 <sup>st</sup> Ln	665-2431
Jim and Darline Weir	2815 – 234 <sup>th</sup> Lane	244-1704
Shirley Renaud	1208 229 <sup>th</sup> Pl.	665-3219
Thelma Sembach	19408 “K” Place	665-6686
Harriet Cavalli	23501 Park/Box 945	665-3446
Gene Zeller	2917 264 <sup>th</sup> Pl	665-2774
Judi MacPherson	1717 195 <sup>th</sup> St, LB	665-0567
Colleen Dailey	1428 232 <sup>nd</sup> Ln.	665-4464
Michael Berlien		665-0136
Ben Kiser	1703 – 222 <sup>nd</sup> P.	
David Sargeant	1600 – 222 <sup>nd</sup> Pl. O.P.	
Gerald A. Aaron	1609 – 222 <sup>nd</sup> Pl. O.P.	
Tom Walker	1401 – 264 <sup>th</sup> Pl. O.P.	665-6608
Thelma and Jerry Chew	21716 NE 176 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Battleground Birch Pl. 23929	687-9286
John Sporseen	27719 Sandridge Rd	665-5357
Claire and Robert Everitt	3013 250 <sup>th</sup>	665-6055
Tom Peters	2727 – 233 Ln O.P.	665-5593
Bob Kowolcheck	2800 – 233 Ln	665-4204
Marilyn Sheldon	28404 Sandridge	665-2804
Dwain Miller	29122 “O” St.	665-6594
Tom Morrow		665-5858
Marilyn Caswell		665-6535
Cate Gable		665-5340
Roger Taylor		(503) 720-3837
Debby Maggio		665-6663
Anna M. Kallianiotis	1515 265 <sup>th</sup> Pl	431-9827

Sandra Nielson  
Tia Crisifulli

3505 281<sup>st</sup>  
2516 272<sup>nd</sup> St

665-2540  
665-4903

President Williams opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM, welcoming the public to the hearing. He introduced Michael Berlien, General Manager of North Beach Water to make the opening remarks. He made the same presentation as the May 12 Hearing, but due to the input from last week, suggested adjusted rate increases with Alternative 1 with a 4% inflation rate and Alternative 2 with a 3% inflation rate.

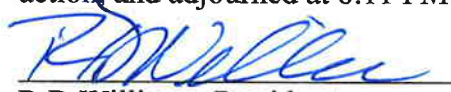
President Williams then opened the floor to public comment, reminding those present that the proceeding were being tape recorded and asking for the same decorum as was at the May 12th Hearing.

Questions were asked regarding the formation of the Public Development Authority and the Water District and the laws governing their formation (Don Mose). Judy McPherson inquired if the line would go as far south as Cranberry Road. Melda Boursaw complained about the poor quality of her water recently and that she did not see any benefits of becoming a public entity. She (and others) also asked when the decision was going to be made and when the new rate would take effect. President Williams indicated a planned decision for mid-June with implementation hopefully by July 1.

Board Member Schroeder reassured those present that the intent is to be as fair and objective as possible; yet going forward with the plans adopted by the Water System Plan. Comments were also made by Board Member Jim Hagen.

Several spoke of the constraints an increase could impose on those with a limited income. Additionally, several spoke of poor water quality. Others indicated that they were satisfied with the service they had received. President Williams stated that we had purchased a system that had not been properly monitored and improved for about 20 years and that we are every making reasonable effort to alleviate problems by looping lines where possible and addressing situations as they present themselves. Tom Morrow indicated that he had an opportunity to peruse the financial reports presented for the first quarter and felt that they were very comprehensive.

With no other comments, at 7:42 PM, President Williams declared the hearing closed. He encouraged attendance at regular meetings. He reminded those present that the Board will listen to the recordings of their statements and questions. He asked for adjournment to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. With that, the hall was cleared and the Executive Session lasted until 8:10 PM. The meeting resumed and adjourned with no action, and adjourned at 8:11 PM

  
R D Williams, President

  
Celsa Johnson, Secretary