



Minutes of the Special Meeting of The Board of Commissioners of North Beach Water District

A Special Meeting of the Board Commissioners of North Beach Water District of was held at 6:00 p.m., **Wednesday, January 11, 2012** at the office of North Beach Water District; 25902 Vernon Avenue, Suite D, Ocean Park, Washington for a Workshop for a Cross Connection Control Plan.

I. Call to Order:

Commissioner Brake called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of North Beach Water District to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Commissioners present:

Gwen Brake
Brian Sheldon
R.D. Williams

Staff present:

William Neal, General Manager
Tia Crisifulli, Office Manager

Others present:

Loren Schneider, Glen Ripley, Robert Hill, Sr., Robert Hill, Jr., Karen Schaffer,
Mike & Bjarno Guglielmetti.

Audio recording of meeting was incomprehensible. Meeting minutes are from written notes.

III. Adopt the Agenda

Commissioner Williams moved to adopt the Agenda,
Commissioner Sheldon Second the Motion,
Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

Most of the Public had concerns about the District banning the use of private wells inside the boundaries of the District. The commenters were adamant that they did not want to be forced to connect to the system if they had a water well of if they preferred a water well.

The staff and Commissioners informed the attendees that Pacific County was considering Ordinance Number 8 that would require homeowners, under certain conditions, to connect to Public Water Systems if they were available and willing to



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serve. Those in the audience were assured that the District was not considering any rules that would require homeowners to connect to the water system nor do they have the authority to do so.

V. Discussion Items:

A. Evergreen Rural Water Annual Conference

The General Manager asked the Board to authorize him and Robert Hunt to attend the Evergreen Rural Water Annual Conference. After brief discussion:

Commissioner Williams moved to authorize the General Manager and Robert Hunt to attend the Evergreen Rural Water Annual Conference,

Commissioner Sheldon second the Motion,

Motion carried unanimously

B. Cross Connection Control Program

The General Manager reported that the District was not in compliance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-290-490 – Cross Connection Control. The District needs to develop and implement a Cross Connection Control Plan to be in compliance. To date, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has not been very active in enforcement with Public Water System that are not in compliance with WAC 246-290-490. That will soon change as DOH is working on a rules change for WAC 246-292 – Waterworks Operator Certification. The legislature passed more stringent laws for certified waterworks operators. DOH will have greater enforcement authority over certified operators and purveyors (governing bodies) of Public Water Systems who do not make a good faith effort to comply with all of the Safe Drinking Water Laws. The rules change is due to go into effect in early 2013.

The General Manager presented the first draft of the proposed Cross Connection Plan. The plan was developed with the District's specific needs in mind. The General Manager presented the details of the Cross Connection Plan. There was considerable discussion about specifics of the Cross Connection Plan. The Commissioners questioned the General Manager about the cost to rate payers for compliance with the plan. The General Manager assured the Commissioners that the plan would not require any protection that is not specifically required by law. The District will work with rate payers who have an actual or potential cross connection to: 1) Eliminate the threat; 2) Minimize the impact (cost) of the threat and 3) Provide rate payers all of the time the law allows for compliance.



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The Commissioners asked the General Manager to continue to work on the plan and to use the comment from those in attendance in the plan where possible. It was agreed that the plan would continue to be developed and that another workshop would be scheduled soon, possibly in February 2012.

VI. Board Member Comments

Commissioner Brake wanted to extend management training opportunities to the General Manager.

Commissioner Sheldon asked the General Manager to stick closely to the requirements of the WAC in developing the Cross Connection Plan. He is not in favor of any added burden on the rate payers and does not want the plan to leave any decisions to personal interpretation. Commissioner Sheldon also wanted to know how much the cost would be to install double check valves and reduced pressure check valves and the annual cost to test and maintain them.

VII. Future Agenda Items

The Commissioners agreed to change the date of the January 2012 regular meeting to January 23 and to change the date of the February 2012 regular meeting to February 27.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the meeting,

Commissioner Sheldon seconded the Motion,

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Sheldon, Commissioner Position 1

R.D. Williams, Commissioner Position 3

Gwen Brake, Commissioner Position 2

