

SOUTH FORK WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
July 10, 2008

Board Members Present: Alice Norris, Oregon City Mayor, Chair
Damon Mabee, Oregon City Commissioner
Jody Carson, West Linn Councilor
Norm King, West Linn Mayor, Vice-Chair (via conference call)

Board Members Absent: Mike Gates, West Linn Councilor
Daphne Wuest, Oregon City Commissioner
Scott Burgess, West Linn Councilor

Staff Present: John Collins, SFWB General Manager

Others Present: Laura A. Schroeder, SFWB Attorney

Regular Board Meeting

(1) Call to Order

Chair Norris called the meeting of the South Fork Water Board to order at 7:04 p.m.

(2) Public Comments-

None.

(3) Consent Agenda - Approval of minutes of the May 22, 2008 Board Meeting.

Board Member Carson moved to approve the May 22, 2008 Consent Agenda as presented. Board Member Mabee seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 4-0. Ayes: Mabee, Carson, Norris, King; Nays: None.

(4) Letter of support for Oregon Drug Take Back Program

Mr. Collins noted that in signing the letter of support, SFWB would join other regional water providers, Oregon cities and State agencies working to support the Drug Take Back Program.

The Board consented to sign the letter of support.

(5) Executive Session-Recess regular meeting and convene Executive Session.

Chair Norris recessed the regular meeting to convene the Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

(6) Reconvene Regular Meeting to take any action necessary as determined in Executive Session.

Chair Norris reconvened the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

- She reported that General Manager John Collins was given a very positive evaluation and that the Board discussed amending his compensation accordingly.

Board Member Mabee moved to award General Manager, John Collins a 3.8% cost of living increase, consistent with other plant employees, in addition to a 5% raise, for a total compensation increase of 8.8%, effective July 1, 2008. The motion was seconded by Board Member Carson. MOTION CARRIED 4-0. Ayes: Mabee, Carson, Norris, King; Nays: None.

(7) Business from the Manager

John Collins reviewed items distributed to the Board with the following comments:

- The new 2009 calendar from the Clackamas River Water Provider Consortium. The cost of producing the calendar was significantly reduced from \$14,000 last year to only \$2,500 this year, due to economies of scale and working together with other agencies.
 - * Calendars would be distributed to Oregon City and West Linn City Halls, the senior center, library, and other places, including schools during the Conservation for the Schools program. Kimberly Swan and Christine Hollenbeck would update the Board in September about that and other programs.
- USGS 2004-2005 Clackamas River Pesticide Report. The report spent 1.5 years in peer review and lists pesticides in the Clackamas River and water treatment systems. He assured that did not include South Fork, noting the email sent to the Board detailing the plant's proactive approach and negative test results.
 - * He would provide an extended review for the Board and intended to have Kirk Carpenter, co-author of the report, available for discussion.
- A brochure regarding pesticides in the watershed. South Fork, through Clackamas River Water Providers, supports the Clackamas River Basin Council, who created the brochure. The piece acknowledges that pesticides are present and promotes public education and the use of best practices. The Council will also attend a SFWB meeting to brief the Board on that program.
- An article from *The Oregonian* reported about the non-toxic green algae bloom in Lake Oswego. South Fork has not had a problem due to solid preventative and maintenance measures. Algae blooms can occur annually, often from a rapid increase in water temperatures.
- An article from *The Clackamas Review*, which summarized a possible merging with Clackamas River Water. He was not certain the facts were portrayed accurately, but wanted to update the Board on current events.

The Board agreed to the vacation times of July 25-August 11 proposed by Mr. Collins, and recognized August 21st as a contingency date for the next SFWB meeting, though no business was yet anticipated by that time.

(8) Business from the Board

Board Member Mabee briefly reported about the Atlanta Water Conference, noting a sonic system might benefit South Fork by reducing chlorine use and general expenses.

- The classes were good, but he hoped for more advanced classes in the future. Many boards were not as informed as SFWB, but he recommended that public officials attend the conference not only to meet others, but to see the challenges being faced and solutions being used.

- He and Mr. Collins also attended classes about the apprentice/internship program that SFWB was considering. Everyone strongly recommended proceeding with the program, advising that even a substandard program would reap benefits. Everyone learns more about the plant and its processes as they explain what they do. Informing more people about water management will bring more people into the industry.

Board Member King especially liked the classes about how to get the public to serve and one, as part of a public officials' series, about water rates, which was a small part of the class, but very interesting. They cautioned that when adopting rates that are stepped to encourage conservation, people do actually conserve. Revenue would go down as people conserve and linear assumptions should not be made about revenue continuing based on current rates.

(9) Adjourn Meeting

The July 10, 2008 meeting of the South Fork Water Board adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Paula Pinyerd, ABC Transcription Svcs. for
John Collins, SFWB General Manager