

**North Kootenai Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2013**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 11:38 a.m. by President Crimmins.

Present: Tom Crimmins, Director/President
Shirley Stoller, Director/Vice President
Jim Omerso, Director/Treasurer
Alanna Brooks, Director/Secretary
Jack Hern, Director

Staff Present: Mike Galante, District Manager
Karen Osterdock, P.E., District Engineer
Robin Potts, Customer Service Specialist II

Excused: Brian Werst, District Attorney

Visitors: None

B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of 03/21/13 Board Meetings

The motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda including both the regular Board meeting and the special Board meeting minutes with changes.

Director Brooks – motion. Director Omerso – second.
Motion approved.

C. Oral Communications

None

D. Written Communications

None

E. Employee Matters

None

F. District Attorney, Brian Werst

Excused

G. District Engineer – Karen Osterdock, PE

1. Project Status Report

A memo was distributed prior to the meeting with the Project Status update. This memo can be viewed at the District office.

2. Gozzer Sewer Rate Options

The Board discussed the options for changing the rates for sewer at Gozzer. The decision was made to increase the rate for the next three years due to the cost of sludge removal. The new rates will be \$40.17 per month for a vacant lot representing a 22% increase, and \$49.85 per month for occupied lots representing an 18% increase. A public hearing will be held on April 18th for the fee changes.

3. Gallon Charge Task Order

This Task Order is asking Welch Comer Engineers to bring options to the Board of Directors on how to change water rates so the District has money for improvements without hurting the customers that are already struggling financially.

The motion was made to approve Task Order 13-03, not to exceed \$8,800, for the gallon charge evaluation.

Director Brooks – motion. Director Omerso – second.
Motion approved.

4. Construction Standards

Welch Comer submitted a draft of the revised construction standards/drawings to Mike for review this week.

5. GIS Mapping

Welch Comer will be hosting a luncheon/meeting to generate interest in the GIS mapping. The more businesses involved will lessen the cost to the District.

H. District Manager – Mike Galante

1. Executive Session

None

2. GTE #2 Update

The fence is under construction. The District removed 30 dump truck loads of debris. The graffiti has been removed. Clover is being sewn to keep the weeds down.

3. Board Desk Proposal - Update

Mr. Galante presented a drawing of the desk for the Board room. The desk is being constructed by Pioneer Woodworking.

I. Board Members

Mr. Galante told the Board members that if there were no write-ins by tomorrow, there would be no need for an election for the open Board seats. The current Board members will be automatically re-elected.

Jim Omerso announced that he would be resigning from the Board as of May 21, 2013.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, the motion was made to adjourn.

Director Stoller – motion, Director Omeroso – second.
Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Alanna Brooks
Board Director/Secretary