



MAPLETON WATER DISTRICT  
APPROVED SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 5, 2023  
6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Vanessa West, Sharon Kelly, Nancy Pettibon, Julie Doran-Lee, Art Donnelly

Others Present: Joe Rochon, Jordan Walker

Meeting opened at 6:02 pm

**Consideration of West Yost's Modification Proposal**

West opened the meeting with agenda item 1.2, West Yost's proposal for the district's requested modifications to the new plant. The proposal includes changes needed to accommodate the district's requested addition of a mechanical filtration system and preservation of the chlorine generator. West Yost's proposal is quoted at \$69,807.

West said that she was advised that if legal action was required it could be pursued after installation of the new skid. Efforts are being made to obtain the original contract. She questioned the effectiveness of the original plans and the \$15,000 required to redesign the concrete base for the generator.

West explained that the reason for the changes was to decrease long-term operating costs. The original clarifier required additional certifications for the plant operator and additional chemicals. Purchasing chlorine rather than generating chlorine from salt is also more expensive. To maintain the room in which the chlorine generator is currently located the building will need to be extended to accommodate the new skid. The board then discussed the mechanical clarifier.

Donnelly said he did not think the board really had a choice as to whether to approve the modification contract. Kelly asked why the district does not file a lawsuit. West said that a consultant with the Rural Community Assistant Corporation is working on obtaining the original West Yost contract. Doran-Lee said that the amount to modify the design seemed high.

**Motion:** Approve West Yost's proposal for design modifications in the amount of \$69,807.

Motion made by West, seconded by Donnelly. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of H&J Construction's Quote**

Rochon explained the process the H&J Construction is proposing. Donnelly asked Rochon if he thought the proposal made sense. Rochon confirmed that he thought he did.

Rochon proceeded to discuss a future project on the bridge crossing Knowles Creek. Donnelly drew a simple diagram to illustrate the situation for the rest of the board. Donnelly asked why it is important to complete the repairs under the Highway 126 bridge if it has been isolated. Rochon said that it complete the system loop.

**Motion:** Approve item number one entitled "Water Main Upgrade" in the amount of \$26,500 in H&J Construction's quote.

Motion made by Pettibon, seconded by Kelly. Motion passed unanimously.

Rochon then explained item number two on H&J Construction's quote. Presently there are two parallel lines above Highway 36. One is AC, the other is PVC. Six meters are currently connected to the AC line.



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H&J's proposal is to connect these services to the PVC line and abandon the AC line. Kelly asked why this has not been done before. Rochon said he did not know. Donnelly asked how confident he is with H&J's quote. Rochon said that based on his previous experience with H&J Construction he is very confident.

**Motion:** Approve item number two entitled "Service Upgrades" in the amount of \$7,260 in H&J Construction's quote.

Motion made by Doran-Lee, seconded by Kelly. Motion passed unanimously.

**Miscellaneous**

Donnelly said that Cindy Haberman has made a great deal of progress on the grant list. West also said that she is working on grants as well.

Rochon mentioned a bond with Siuslaw Valley Bank in the amount of approximately \$40,000. The district was in possession of the bond coupon at one point but it is not clear where it is at this point. He did say that he does have a photo of the coupon and was told that that should be enough to look it up at what is now Banner Bank.

Adjourned at 6:57 pm.