# King County Water District 125 BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS January 23, 1997

The meeting was called to order in the District's office at 11:00 AM by Mr. Johnson, President. Those present were:

**COMMISSIONERS:** 

Gary Johnson

Bill Brownfield

John Thompson

STAFF:

Ann Wilson

**Russ Austin** 

CONSULTANTS:

Bob Stanton Patti Striker

GUESTS:

David Dalle

#### **COMMISSIONERS:**

Motion, seconded and approved the minutes were approved.

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.040.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified by R.C.W. 42.040.090 have been made available to the Board. As of this date, all vouchers numbered 12354 - 12374 in the total amount of \$38,594.59 were approved for payment.

Ms. Patti Striker of 14406 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South inquired about our procedures on locking meters. It was explained that after a second billing you have approximately ten days to pay. If the bill remains unpaid, a door hanger is hung on the door stating the meter will be locked if not paid by a specified date. On that date if the bill remains unpaid, and there is no communications from the occupant or arrangements made, the meter is locked. The meter remains locked until the bill is paid in full.

Mr. David Dalle of 2440 South 146<sup>th</sup> has a dwelling located behind the main house and had at one time been occupied. Mr. Dalle purchased the house in July 1993. They notified the District in September 1996 that they did not have two units and requested credit from the time they moved in.

As it states on their bill every two months they are being charged for a multi-residential, it was the Board's decision to give them credit from the time they notified the office there was only one unit which was September 1996.

The letter from Northshore Utility District dated January 10, 1997 concerning the perennial lobbing efforts by the Apartment Owners Association against the public utilities' lien for unpaid water and sewer bills was reviewed.

A Legislative update on the lien law was introduced Wednesday in the House of Representatives (HB 1347) an act relating to payment responsibility for utility service was reviewed.

The Board signed a letter to send to our state legislator on behalf of the rate-payers in our district opposing the elimination of the lien law.

A letter from Skyway Water and Sewer dated January 13, 1997 regarding the Joint Water Storage Agreement/Project was reviewed. They stated with the formalization of the Agreement, they desire to establish regular project progress reporting procedures.

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They will provide progress reports to us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month so as to coincide with our Board meetings.

The Authorized signatures for the District for which King County, as treasurer, issues warrants was updated and signed.

Public Disclosures were distributed to the Commissioners.

By motion, seconded and passed a Visa card was approved for the new Commissioner, John Thompson.

Mr. Brownfield asked if the revolving fund checking account limit could be raised. Mrs. Wilson said she would check with the attorney but asked if it was necessary since the Commissioners had a Visa card. Limits of such will be looked into and reported at the next meeting.

There was a discussion of hiring a conservation person and sharing with the other Districts. More questions were raised and will be addressed at the next meeting on February 7, 1997.

There was a discussion about the District going on-line and it was the Board's decision to have the on-line service.

### **ENGINEER:**

Mr. Bob Stanton updated us on the progress of the Skyway Tank. The plans and specifications are completed and hope to bid in 1997 depending on the permit process from the County.

The first phase of the Macadam Bride is close to completion and the second phase will go out to bid next week.

## SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Austin asked the Board to approve an upgrade from 4" line to 8" line on South 150<sup>th</sup> Street from 42<sup>nd</sup> to 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. It is approximately 1000 feet and cost estimate is \$80, 000.

By motion made seconded and approved, the Board approved the upgrade and this will go to the bidding procedure.

## OFFICE MANAGER:

Mrs. Wilson requested the meetings start at 10:00 A.M. rather than 11:00 A.M. and by motion, seconded and approved, it was agreed.

Motion seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned.