

COOS BAY-NORTH BEND WATER BOARD  
P O BOX 539 – 2305 Ocean Boulevard  
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting

August 16, 2018  
7:00 a.m.

Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board met in open session in the Board Room at the above address, date, and time with Chair Cribbins presiding. Other Board members present: Dr. Charles Sharps, Greg Solarz and Bob Dillard. Board members absent: None. Water Board staff present: Ivan D. Thomas, General Manager; Matt Whitty, Engineering Manager; Bryan Tichota, Customer Relations Supervisor; Jerre Cover, Water Treatment Supervisor; and Karen Parker, Administrative Assistant. Board Legal Counsel Jim Coffey was present. Rod Liebeck and Brianna Hanson representing GMA Garnet Operations were present. Dean Martin representing the City Baseball Group was present. Justin Wilson, P.E. of SHN Engineering was present. Dennis Morefield representing CERT was present. Media present: None. Chair Cribbins opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Dillard to lead the Board and assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Cribbins asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August 2, 2018, Regular Board meeting minutes. Dr. Sharps moved the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dillard and passed unanimously.

Chair Cribbins asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Morefield, representing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), stated Mr. Thomas and Mr. Whitty gave a presentation to CERT which was very well received and presented the Board with a letter from the Director of CERT. The letter thanked the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board for a very informative presentation and stated they will be using the information given in their upcoming CERT classes. The Board members thanked Mr. Morefield for sharing this information.

Mr. Martin stated he is on the Board of Directors of BACAPA and has been involved with youth baseball since 2005. Mr. Martin is currently working with another group that are in the planning phases to build a youth sports complex. The location of the proposed sports complex is on timber property owned by the City of Coos Bay and also adjacent to the watershed property owned by the Water Board and in close proximity to Lake Merritt. Mr. Martin stated the need for the sports complex is great. Currently the baseball leagues around the area include Coos Bay, North Bend, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Bandon and Reedsport. The ages served range from 5 to 18 years old. Mr. Martin stated 980 youths were involved in baseball last year. Two fields are available for the Majors, BACAPA and Ferry Road Park; two fields are available for the Minors, Boynton Park and Mingus Park; Rookies have the use of Sunset and Airport Heights; T-ball has use of the field at Sunset. Mr. Martin commented just between Coos Bay and North Bend there were a total of 56 teams, from T-ball to Majors. Between scheduled games and practice leaves

very limited access to fields. The proposed complex would include other sports as well and would bring great economic impact to the community.

The group has appointed SHN Consulting Engineers to prepare a preliminary design of the sports complex. Mr. Martin, on behalf of the group, is asking the Board for permission to move forward with the project. The sports park group recently gave a presentation to the City of Coos Bay and they were given two stipulations: 1) To get approval from the Water Board and (2) obtain an easement from owners of the property in front of the proposed sports park (Cascade Farm/Bi-Mart Corp). Dr. Sharps asked if they currently have permission from the City of Coos Bay to proceed. Mr. Martin said as of now they do not have permission, as they must first meet the given stipulations. At that time the group will then go back to the City of Coos Bay for further discussions. Mr. Solarz asked if a topography map has been produced. Mr. Wilson from SHN stated they have. Mr. Solarz inquired if the runoff would drain into the watershed. Mr. Wilson said he believed part of it could drain into the watershed, but most of the runoff would go to the northern portion of the property. There would not be any untreated runoff from the project that would go into the watershed. Ms. Cribbins inquired if protection of any runoff would be addressed at the very beginning of the project. Mr. Wilson confirmed it would be.

Mr. Coffey stated in an effort to assist Mr. Martin in advancing this project, is to have the engineers of both parties work together in an effort to develop a plan that would adequately protect the watershed.

Dr. Sharps inquired as to where the backing is coming from for this project. Mr. Martin stated there is no backing yet, as they are just in the beginning stages. Dr. Sharps asked if this project was associated with SWOYA. Mr. Martin stated it is not connected with SWOYA. Mr. Whitty asked if the area would be fenced off to deter anyone from entering into the watershed. Mr. Martin agreed the area should be fenced.

After a brief discussion, it was the Board's consensus for staff to further investigate the issues addressed before making any final decisions at this time and bring this back to the Board at a future date.

Mr. Liebeck, President of GMA Garnet Americas and Brianna Hanson, a GMA representative, were in attendance to give a presentation on the GMA facility and their water usage. Ms. Hanson stated GMA Garnet is moving into a facility in Bunker Hill, presently under construction. GMA is a global leader in industrial garnet mostly for waterjet cutting and protective coating industries. The company is based in Australia and has been in business for 35 years. Garnet is a naturally occurring non-hazardous abrasive mineral and its properties make it a superior abrasive for industrial applications. This facility will produce the widest range of garnet products available globally and can also recycle garnet. GMA will provide employment for approximately 20 individuals within the enterprise zone and plans to be in full production by November of this year.

The minerals are separated using gravity, water and magnets. There is no use of heavy chemicals in the processing and no leaching of heavy metals.

Regarding the water consumption, there is a 6-inch incoming line and the estimated usage is approximately 1,000 gallons per minute and 480,000 gallons per day utilizing an 8-hour day. The Water Board's current rate for an outside industrial user (over 300 cubic feet) is \$2.961 per 100

cubic feet. Water consumption at GMA's Pennsylvania's operations is billed at \$1.35 per 100 cubic feet. Ms. Hanson stated since GMA is a large consumer and will be very consistent they would like the Board members to consider their request for a reduced rate for their water consumption. GMA proposed some options for the Board members to consider: A reduced rate based on consumption; or a flat discount based option. Ms. Hanson stated GMA Garnet is open to other options the Board may have to offer. The Board thanked Ms. Hanson and Mr. Liebeck for their information and advised they would need more time to address this issue and get back to them at a later date.

The Board's next regular meeting was set for Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 7:00 a.m.

Updates were given as follows:

- Heating Unit at Pony Creek Water Treatment Plant – The new heating unit has been installed and is working.
- Tank Maintenance Project – Representatives from SUEZ performed a dry inspection on Terramar Tank and also inspected the Millington Tank. Staff will receive a report in the upcoming week as to follow-up plans for Terramar Tank.
- Joe Ney Dike – A driller for a geotechnical investigation will be on site this Friday.
- Hemlock/Juniper – The crew is about half way through installation of the new pipe with the hopes of completing the project prior to the beginning of the school year.
- McCullough Bridge – The Water Board's crew will install the new water main during the evening due to other ongoing operations on the bridge. The project should start within the next couple of weeks.
- Sodium Hypochlorite System – The four new chemical tanks are in the building and will begin plumbing today. A change order in the amount of \$19,219 was processed in order to add ultrasonics to all the tanks, rather than the float system. This was necessary due to the need of obtaining more accurate numbers of the daily pounds of chlorine used.
- The high service pump drive has been installed. The representative came on site to do the startup, and discovered a part is missing. The part has been ordered.

At 7:50 a.m. Chair Cribbins directed they go into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h). They returned to open session at 8:25 a.m. There being no other business to come before the Board, Chair Cribbins adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair Melissa Cribbins

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