

POINT ROBERTS WATER DISTRICT NO. 4

Special Meeting of
November 28, 2012

MINUTES

The Meeting of the Point Roberts Water District No. 4 Board of Commissioners was called to order at 5:05 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Anderson, Hackleman, Meursing and Manager Bourks.

1. GUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Jody Hackleman

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to adopt Resolution 635 – Public Employee Benefits, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Meursing and passed unanimously.
- B. General Discussion regarding Metro Vancouver water rates.
 - 1. We do not want to change the maximum amount of water we receive from GVWD (3,182.2 m3 per day). We want to change the method of pricing to a Per Volume Used basis.
 - 2. We are not looking to renegotiate a new contract with GVWD. We are looking to Amend Article 5 of the present Contract.
 - 3. The District must pay for all the water even though it is not used. At the same time we are required by law, for the purpose of conservation, to implement a fee structure that limits water use. This puts the District in an unviable situation. We are forced to look for alternatives.
 - 4. When the Fixed Use Rate system in our Contract was established (1987), there was no individual metering of water in Vancouver (even though the water sent to Point Roberts was and is metered. Now there is an increasing implementation of metered water use by GVWD clients. We feel this indicates a fundamental change in billing policy which accommodates Per Volume Use billing for GVWD clients.
 - 5. S.45 of the GVWD Act requires the GVWD to supply water to municipalities within their district at “fair and equitable rates per unit volume” Since Point Roberts Water District consistently uses on average a third of the water we are paying for, this effectively means we are paying triple what others in GVWD clients pay.. This is not an “equitable rate”
 - 6. We realize that the Point Roberts Water District is technically “outside” the GVWD area, and is therefore subject to the GVWD’s own discretion regarding pricing policy. We nonetheless appeal for a change in the present pricing method.

3. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be December 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

As the Commissioners had no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on a motion from Commissioner Meursing.

Scott Hackleman – Chairman

N. Madeleine Anderson - Secretary

William H. Meursing - Commissioner

Date: _____