

MULTNOMAH COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1
MINUTES OF CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
August 8, 2007

A duly advertised meeting of the Multnomah County Drainage District No. 1 Contract Review Board was held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at the District's administrative office, 1880 NE Elrod Drive, Portland, Oregon. This was a joint meeting with the Contract Review Board of Peninsula Drainage District #2

Those present were:

Tim Warren, President
Larry Cooper, Supervisor
Chuck Harrison, Supervisor
George Lingelbach, Supervisor
Bob Eaton, Executive Director
Dave Hendricks, Deputy Director
Kim McRobbie, Secretary Pro Tem
Landowners present are represented on the attached attendance sheet.

Pre Excused Absence:

Grant Zadow, Supervisor

President Warren called the Contract Review Board meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and requested that the secretary note the role.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck Harrison moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2006, Local Contract Review Board meeting as written. Larry Cooper seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

LCRB RESOLUTION #0781 – DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING INTERMEDIATE CONTRACT PROCEDURES

Bob Eaton reported that both the resolution and the accompanying staff report were included in the meeting packet. He added that because this is new to everyone attending he would read the staff report and resolution, which was done.

Eaton stated that this meeting is authorized under state statues and has to do with the emergency contract process. He acknowledged that several landowners were present but said the Board would be in its rights to focus the meeting on the contract. Eaton suggested that a roundtable discussion could be held after the Board adjourns. The Boards thought that a good idea.

President Warren requested that the Board give the public a few minutes to talk. Walter Valenta, property owner on Bridgeton Road stated he would like to be on the record as saying he, and most landowners want the levee to be recertified. However, other agencies say to wait for new information. Mr. Valenta's question to the Board is why we feel the need to move so quickly.

Carol Emery, Emery Law Group, Attorney Pro Bono for the Bridgeton Neighborhood Association stated that everyone here has a common agenda, which is safety. She, on behalf of the landowners, fundamentally challenges some of the issues in the Resolution #0781 and is here today out of deep concern for their property.

Bridgeton resident Alise Goforth shared some investigations that have been done on the Sacramento Reclamation Board. She also stated that General Antwerp of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is rewriting the national policy and she read aloud a letter as it relates to the topic. Ms. Goforth is requesting that the Board not move forward today and wait for General Antwerp's new policy to be written and reviewed.

Brett Vandeneuvel staff attorney with Columbia River Keepers stated he has had conversations with USACE and they told him the criterion on which the Board is basing its findings is national criteria not local. He suggested holding back on the vote today and waiting for the new information to come out.

Carol Emery stated for the record that if the Board chooses to vote to adopt Resolution #0781 then landowners would like the Board to hold another meeting on cutting down of the trees.

President Warren reminded the public that this is not a meeting to cut down trees. It is simply a vote to adopt a bid process designed to meet the FEMA timeline.

Eaton stated that the District would hold two neighborhood meetings to discuss concerns. The first meeting will be on August 15 and the second on August 30, 2007.

After much discussion and a decision to hold a public forum immediately following this meeting, President Warren asked for a motion to adopt LCRB Resolution #0781.

Larry Cooper moved to adopt LCRB Resolution #0781 Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing intermediate contract procedures. Chuck Harrison seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, President Warren adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

APPROVAL

These minutes were approved at a duly called meeting of the Multnomah County Drainage District #1 Local Contract Review Board on _____.

Attested: _____
Secretary