

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
March 6, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The special meeting of the Freeman School District Board of Directors was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Chair Randy Primmer. There was a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Fuchs, Annie Keebler, Randy Primmer and Jan Davis. Attending by telephone were Chad Goldsmith and Randy Russell. Excused absence: John Zingg.

GUESTS: Ken Geibel of David Evans & Associates. Attending by telephone was Bruce Williams of GeoEngineers.

WELL PROJECT: Mr. Primmer stated the \$100,000 OSPI grant can be used for improving the district's water system, which can be in the form of a new well, treatment of existing water sources or a combination. The grant expenditure deadline is June 30.

The most recent water test showed carbon tetrachloride levels that exceed federal drinking water standards. The running average for four consecutive quarters now places the district into a "water quality violation." Public notice will be required, as well as eventually either finding a new water source or treatment of the existing water source.

Mr. Geibel reported the intent of the grant is to provide Freeman School District with a reliable source of water. If the Board decides to drill a test well or begin the water treatment process, work can begin immediately. Review of the district's water usage indicated a production of only six to seven gallons per minute is needed for daily domestic use during the school year. Highest use is for irrigation in August at 50 to 55 gallons per minute.

Mr. Geibel and Mr. Williams feel if a test well delivers as little as ten gallons per minute, it could be used as the primary water source during the school year. In that case, the current production well could be used for irrigation only. Mr. Williams is working with the Dept. of Health and the Dept. of Ecology to determine whether the irrigation water could be dispersed without treatment. "Running water through an irrigation system on a 90-degree day minimizes contamination," he stated.

Mr. Williams indicated the new well will need to be tested both in quantity and quality and could be completed in as little as three weeks. Keeping the two water sources separate would require some modifications and retrofitting, perhaps in

the \$50,000 cost range, Mr. Geibel stated. If treatment of the current well is required, Mr. Williams will explore financial support possibly from the EPA.

The Board discussed having the test well site “witched”. Mr. Williams indicated the Dept. of Health will also assist in identifying which locations will work and which will not.

Mr. Russell stated it is important to move ahead as quickly as possible due to the grant deadline. After further discussion, Mr. Fuchs moved the Board authorize the drilling of a test well at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 and begin design work if no carbon tetrachloride shows in the test well. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. with no further action.

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Board Chair