



## HAGENSBORG WATERWORKS DISTRICT,

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### EOM Meeting MINUTES

**Date:** Dec. 13, 2015

**Location:** Fire Hall

**Remote Location:** CAO office, Kamloops

**Present:** Chris Matthews, Ken Dunsworth, Don Mikkelson, Dianne Tuck, Wes Abel, Pete Nygaard

**Absent:** Charles Bryfogle

**Recording Secretary:** Rosemary Smart via conferencing

The sole purpose of the meeting was to review and approve the "Presentation" Terms of Reference, Budget and draft PowerPoint.

Meeting called to order: 9:01 am

Committee Chair (CC) Dunsworth opened, discussing the title of the Committee. CC Dunsworth stated that it was not the purpose of the committee to "lobby" but to demonstrate that the community members could not afford compliance, and to propose the government create parameters for "Risk Management".

Rosemary explained that she had been uncomfortable with the project in so far as "lobbying" did not meet the district's mandate very well.

Wes noted that he was uncomfortable with the level of accuracy we currently have for the financial portion of the presentation. CC Dunsworth felt that numbers taken from the PMT Chartered Accountant's (PMT) 2011 capital budget, though dated, were defensible.

Trustee Tuck spoke to training requirements as defined by the Fire Marshalls. She noted they have made the statement that they are specifically targeting the small communities.

CC Dunsworth pointed out that it is important to take a holistic look at the financial and physical demands on a small community. He noted the need to realize PMT's numbers are 5 years old. He reviewed the Committee's Terms of Reference, explaining the changes he had made to the draft prepared by Rosemary, and speaking to the budget number.

Trustees discussed the priorities under existing requirements. Chair Matthews noted the trustees must ask, "Is this critical to the future operations of the district? If so, we need to create a budget for it."

Discussion. It was noted that current legislation and government policy makes the cost of the requirements prohibitive and bring massive liability to the water purveyors. It was generally agreed that it is the trustee's responsibility to ensure the district's rates are sustainable, both as far as cost to operate and affordability to the community.

Speaking to the budget, Ken presented 3 options for budget, speaking to the options of meeting with government officials in Kamloops where it was convenient for the officials to access therefore more likely to agree to meet vs. meeting within the Valley where they would have an opportunity to actually look at the water shed, the community, and the equipment and not be distracted by outside influence. He outlined what he needed in the way of staff support to complete the PowerPoint.

MOTION to approve the special project Option 1 with staff hours as amended, not to exceed \$5500.  
*Mikkelson/Tuck/Carried*

Trustees agreed funds to be drawn from Compliance Reserve in the 2016 budget.

Ken reviewed the PowerPoint presentation. Discussion including possible handouts.

MOTION to adjourn at 10:44 am *Dunsworth*

 (Chair)