

March 17, 1998

A regular meeting of the Northern Kentucky Water Service District was held on March 17, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. at the Edgewood office. All Commissioners were present, as were Mr. Willaman, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Pangburn and several members of the District staff.

Dr. Sommerkamp called the meeting to order. On motion of Mr. Keeney, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 1998.

The Board reviewed correspondence received by the District over the past month. Mr. Willaman provided an update on the Subdistrict C project. Mr. Willaman also presented the bids received for annual groundskeeping services. After reviewing the bids, and on motion of Ms. Almoslechner, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, the Board unanimously approved the awarding of the groundskeeping contract to Five Star Landscaping as the lowest bidder.

Mr. Gabbard presented the bids received for annual pump inspection services. On motion of Mr. Keeney, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, the Board unanimously approved the awarding of the contract for pump inspection services to Reynolds, Inc. as the lowest bidder.

Mr. Willaman and Mr. Harrison presented the bids received for water main extension projects under \$10,000.00 and explained that all bids came in higher than expected. Mr. Harrison recommended that all bids be rejected, and on motion of Mr. Hatfield, seconded by Ms. Almoslechner, the Board unanimously approved the rejection of all bids.

The Board discussed the possibility of adding a 30" water main on the proposed new bridge between Covington and Newport across the Licking River. On motion of Mr. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Veatch, the Board unanimously approved the expenditure of approximately \$15,000.00 for the design of a 30" main on the bridge.

After discussion, and on motion of Ms. Almoslechner, seconded by Mr. Keeney, the Board unanimously approved the expenditure of approximately \$6,500.00 for the preliminary design of a new laboratory.

Mr. Harrison provided an update to the Board on the Wilder (Pooles Creek #2) water line project. After discussion, and on motion of Mr. Keeney, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, all Commissioners except Mr. Hemmer, who abstained from the vote, approved authorizing Estes Engineers to complete the engineering design necessary to bid the Pooles Creek #2 project at a cost of \$38,000.00 and the construction of the project provided that bids come in as estimated and the City of Wilder is successful in facilitating the contribution of \$200,000.00 for the project from other parties.

Mr. Willaman provided an update on main replacement projects, current projects and future projects.

After discussion, and on motion of Mr. Hemmer, seconded by Ms. Almoslechner, the Board unanimously approved contracts for the transfer of fire hydrants from the City of Mentor and Cold Spring to the District and authorized Dr. Sommerkamp to execute the contracts on the District's behalf.

Mr. Barrow provided an update on the PSC approval of Case #98©079. Mr. Willaman provided a review of the progress of the conservation program.

Mr. Willaman and Mr. Loflind presented a proposal to consolidate the District's customer service and billing at the Edgewood office. After discussion, and on motion of Mr. Keeney, seconded by Ms. Almoslechner, the Board unanimously approved the expenditure of approximately \$22,800.00 to consolidate all customer service and billing operations at the Edgewood office.

Mr. Barrow provided the Board with a comparison of overtime and operations and maintenance costs before and after the District merger and the savings realized since the merger. Mr. Willaman provided a report on the financial and operational highlights of the District since the merger.

Mr. Hatfield and Ms. Almoslechner volunteered to serve on a Subdistrict D committee and were so appointed by Dr. Sommerkamp.

The Board reviewed the Department reports and the District's expenditures (except for operations and maintenance) for the month of February 1998. On motion of Mr. Hemmer, seconded by Mr. Veatch, the Board unanimously approved the partial listing of expenditures (all but operations and maintenance). Mr. Willaman stated that the operations and maintenance expenditures for the month will be provided for review and approval at a later time.

Other matters of a general nature were discussed. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 21, 1998.