

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
EUGENE HILTON HOTEL, VISTAS II
66 EAST 6TH AVENUE
EUGENE, OREGON
APRIL 7, 2009
8:15 A.M.

Commissioners present: Ron Farmer, John Brown, Bob Cassidy, Richard Cunningham, and Joanne Ernst.

Others present: Randy Berggren, Debra Smith, Jim Origliosso, Jim Wiley, Tom Buckhouse, Mel Damewood, Patty Boyle, Laura Farthing, Sheila Crawford, Cathy Bloom, Dick Helgeson, Judy Chase and Krista Hince of the EWEB staff; and Kim Young, City of Eugene minutes recorder.

BREAKFAST AND WELCOME

President Ron Farmer called the Special Board Meeting of the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) to order.

RESOLUTION NO. 0914

Water Engineering Manager Mel Damewood requested Board approval for Resolution No. 0914, which authorized EWEB to apply for funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRLF).

Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Cassidy, moved to approve Resolution No. 0914.

Responding to questions from President Farmer and Commissioner Ernst, Mr. Damewood confirmed that the Board would review any project that received funding before it moved forward, and that the Board would approve any budget shifts that were needed if EWEB was awarded funding. President Farmer observed that there appeared to be a couple of projects on the list that EWEB might not be able to afford. Mr. Damewood acknowledged the State cap of \$6 million that existed for any single project. He thought any award EWEB received would be much lower, but staff included the projects to see “what shakes out.”

Responding to a question from Commissioner Cunningham, Mr. Damewood said that currently, the authorizing bill provided for a 50 percent grant and a 50 percent loan over 20 years; there was discussion that the State Revolving Loan Fund would do loan forgiveness for the entire amount, but he had seen nothing in writing.

Commissioner Cunningham asked about the potential of using any of the funding to offset the costs of the Roosevelt facility. General Manager Randy Berggren did not believe the money could be used for the Roosevelt project because it was already in process. He clarified the funds in question were water-related, and that there might be potential for funding for an energy conservation-related building component.

The motion passed unanimously.

President Farmer adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Assistant Secretary

President