

Worden/Ballantine Water & Sewer District
Special Meeting
October 25, 2021 @ 7pm
Meeting Minutes

Opening/Roll Call: Board Vice President, Judy Becker called the meeting to order to 7:13pm, Board members attending: Judy Becker, Marc Larson, and Gary Fredericks; employees attending: Dan Krum, Joey Oltrogge, and Sandy Kust;

Rules & Regulations regarding customer/district ownership of meter horn: Sandy Kust informed the board about the leak at a customer's residence that occurred in the basement due to the meter horn failing and causes the basement to flood and ruined the hot water heater as well as the furnace unit. The basement had approximately 4 feet of water in it. Sandy, Joey, and Dan want clarification as to who is responsible for the repair when this happens, is it the customer or the district? Also is the customer or district responsible to maintain the meter horn?

Discussion took place on regulations: 1.5, 1.9, 1.10, 1.14, 1.19, 1.23, 1.27, 1.28, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.8, 4.20, all of section 7 and section 8, these all have to do with the meter and only 1 section has to do with the horn which is 8.3 and it states an indoor meter have a size of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch shall be installed using an approved District meter yoke, but it does not say if the customer or district will pay for this. Regulation 8.1 states: The District at its expense will furnish, set and maintain a District owner $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meter on all customer's installations which are deemed by the District to be of a permanent nature, provided proper receptacles are made available by customer for the meters.

Section 8.1 was the main topic as Gary Fredericks stated it is clear the receptacle is the horn, however there is not a definition of receptacle.

Section 8:11 states: Replacement of meter, The District will schedule all meters less than 1 inch in size to be replaced each ten years, and all meters over one inch in size to be replaced each five years, however it does not state anything about replacing the horn as Marc Larson pointed out.

1.23: Service Agreements states: The term service agreement as used herein shall mean the agreement or contract between the District and customer pursuant to which water service is supplied and taken, Marc Larson asked if customers sign a service agreement and the answer was no.

1.14: Meter states: The word meter as used herein shall mean the instrument, including any auxiliary devices and equipment, used to measure the amount of water delivered to a customer and which are owned by the District. Sandy asked what are auxiliary devices and equipment and Gary Fredericks stated this is the meter reader, again there is no definition of an auxiliary device and equipment that measures the amount of water.

After discussion and no conclusion as to who owns the horn, Marc Larson made a motion to have the regulations looked at by the Districts attorney, Gary Fredericks 2nd the motion, motion carried unanimously, Dan Krum will take the regulations to the attorney for review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm