

**Dighton Water District
192 Williams St.
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**Sue Medeiros
Paul Joly
Paul Pacheco**

COMMISSIONERS

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TREASURER**

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A meeting of the Dighton Water District Commissioners was held at the District office at 1:00 PM. Chairwoman of the Board, Sue Medeiros, at 1:05 PM called to order commissioners meeting with Barbara Jean from the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School, director of career technical education do I have a second. Paul Joly second motion, Sue Medeiros asked if all in favor, all in favor.

Sue Medeiros thanked Barbara Jean for coming and told her what a good job the kids have done around town. Sue said "I don't know a lot about signs, maybe one of these guys can step in and tell you what we would like and you could tell us if it is something the school could do for us". Sue continued "Because I'll be honest with you Barbara with the economy, with the state aid, with everything we just keep taxing this people. So if we can find a way of save money or helping out the District and community, this is what we would like to do." Paul Joly said that there is a color picture of what we are looking to have done. Sue Medeiros gave Barbara a copy of the sign. Paul Pacheco had just spoken with Quintal Burial Vault who pours concrete all the time, "If we could supply them with wooden forms they would pour them for us for nothing." Barbara Jean asked "How big are the forms that you'll need"? Paul Pacheco "We haven't decided yet probably 1'x1', three sides". Barbara asked "what is it going to do, I know it's a form but for what". Paul Joly told her to hold the sign. Paul Pacheco continued "so basically 1', 16' or 14' long. So that way there, what they could do is just pour the concrete right in there. Then when the concrete hardens peel it off then we could use that as the post. Then what I plan on doing after that is putting on fake stone (to look like the sign at Curley's) put the stone around the cement so the end result would look like it's a field stone post." Barbara Jean said "So you would want us to prepare the forms for post on either side and to prepare the shape"? Paul Pacheco continued "I don't know what you can do on that. We can buy aluminum channel that's all powder coated and it already has the grooves in it for sliding the panels in and the sign supply place has price for the replaceable lettering and all that". Barbara Jean

questioned "You would purchase that"? Paul Pacheco "Yes, I think that would be best". Barbara Jean "I agree because it is out of our realm, but cost effective wise it's better for you". Sue Medeiros said "Okay". Paul Pacheco "They custom make the kits and you just put them together in 15 minutes. Then on the top what I was thinking, get a hold of a place with a computerized router. Have them router out our logo and all the lettering and what not and do it in a sign foam. It's a very high dense foam that has seal cells. So where wood will warp, crack, everything, this is more of a composite material." Barbara Jean questioned "So which portion of this would you like us to do, just the forms for the posts"? Paul Pacheco replied "Unless there are other parts you can do, do you have a computerized router." Barbara Jean replied "Not for wood, we have for metal". Paul Pacheco "A plasma cutter". Sue Medeiros "See I was hoping you guys could do something with this (the sign)". Barbara Jean continued "We could create the form, we could work it in wood, we could prepare the form for the sign piece and then you could take it somewhere to have it router out. We could assist you." Paul Pacheco "Do you think wood would be as good as using composite material? Composite is what they really use now days. They use one of two things red wood, that is very expensive or the composite material that is made with sealed cells that water can't penetrate, it never warps or anything. When computer goes in to do all that it just does the outside shape also, it's one less process. I don't know if there is anything you could do as far as that." Barbara Jean replied "We could create the forms but we don't have the equipment to router out the sign portion". Paul Pacheco stated "I'm in the business and there are plenty of places that I could send them a file and they could do that. Actually for Reed's Farm, did you see the router sign that Reed's Farm has? I sent that to Rhode Island." Barbara Jean "So that's probably the best way for you to go because we don't have the equipment to deal with the composite material". Paul Joly questioned "But you can do it with the metal though, can you with the composite or with the router"? Barbara Jean "With the router we could router out the metal". Paul Pacheco asked "You don't have a metal cutter you have a plasma cutter right"? Barbara Jean "No it's a router, because he's not cutting. A plasma cutter cuts through". Paul Pacheco asked "Would you router out a solid piece of steel"? Barbara Jean replied "No, I think that would be too heavy". Paul asked if the students could router a 3" solid piece of plastic. Barbara Jean said "Yes we have done Corian material." Paul asked "If that machine can do that material why can't they do a composite material"? Barbara Jean said she would ask the teacher if they could do this material. Sue Medeiros asked if it was good in weather. Paul Pacheco said "It's made for outdoors. We could also make it out of thick plastic. I will create the file for the school with the logo and the lettering. Barbara Jean said "My next concern is the size, if we can handle something that large". Paul Pacheco said "The replaceable letter section would be 4X8, the post would be 8 feet apart with the top part being 10 feet by 4 feet tall." Sue asked Barbara if this would work.

Barbara "The only question I have to ask the instructor is if we can handle something this size, I will have to get back to you". Sue asked Paul Pacheco "When you stopped at Quintals today did they give you a price on what this would cost to pour?" Paul "He said if we supplied the form he would pour it for nothing, just charge us what the concrete cost. And we figured it out, Chuck thinks 16 footers would be to tall. So let's just figure quickly." Sue thinks 16 feet is too tall. Paul

explained how the sign would set up with the cut sign sitting on top of the post, maybe DR could make some medal brackets. He explained we could drill into the concrete and use epoxy studs and then bolt it in that way. Paul Pacheco continued "But as far as the length of the post, if we go 4 feet, we will need at least 6 feet open at the bottom. We are going to need to see through the bottom of the sign so we don't block traffic, so we don't have accidents." Barbara asked "What do the town by laws say?" Paul Pacheco said "It's either 48 inches or 6 feet". Paul Joly "We don't want the sign sky high". Paul Pacheco "It's not so much sky high that's the problem it's too low, that's where the town will get on our case." Paul Joly "How high is the sign next door, what are the dimensions on that sign". Paul Pacheco "His is back off the road, we don't have the option of doing that. Ours is going to be close, his is probably 3 feet off the ground you can't even sign underneath his sign. But when you get close to the road what their concern is when a car pulls to the end of the road and they look to the left they can't have a sign blocking. If the sign is out by the road you have to be able to see through it, if we had the land and we put the sign back further we could put it down lower. But the way that our lands shaped the sign is going to end up being pretty close to the road here." Sue "Can we do that, can we be that close to the road?" Paul Pacheco "We'll have to find out. 1' x 1', 2-16 footers would use just under a yard and 1/4 of concrete at \$100.00 a yard and then there's \$40.00 or \$50.00 worth of rebar to go in it. So I'm thinking grand total maybe \$75.00 a piece. Paul you want to talk to her about the 4X4 pressure treated instead of the concrete?" Paul Joly "Well we may be making this mobile, we're going to have to dig this thing out again. It depends on if we purchase some land over here so that sign may get moved again. We may get that little piece of land over here because it's really dead land. So in all probability we are going to move this sign again." Sue asked "So does it make sense to make it mobile now and then when we put it in forever, then do the concrete?" Paul Pacheco "Why do it twice, I say by the time we get going with this we see where we are with the land and if we get the land put the sign in once where it's suppose to be". Barbara Jean "What's your time frame for the land?" That could be a while we don't want to wait for the land to put the sign in. Paul Pacheco "Why even move it, why not do something like this and if we do something else we could come back and do another set of forms, we're talking \$75.00 a piece for the post. We could leave this replaceable letters, because the driveway is always going to stay here and do another sign and take this top off and put this top on at another location. We have two pieces of land, have two signs. Have one be an informational sign that would be the one for the office. He asked Chuck, would this make more since, \$75.00 for the post is it worth having an excavator come in, dig them up, try to transplant them or just put new ones in." Chuck said it would cost more to move them. Sue "You would want a sign afterwards? The main entrance is your driveway. The piece of land might be down there, there's not going to be an entrance down there." Paul Pacheco, Sue Medeiros and Paul Joly agreed one sign and stay here. Paul Joly "When the office is built, we can put up a small auxiliary sign. With the land we have now we're kind of limited, maybe with the other land we would be able to move it to a better position." Sue Medeiros asked if the sign would be going where the old sign is now? Paul Joly "You need to be able to see the sign coming from both directions". Paul Pacheco asked Barbara Jean if we would be better off building the forms or having the 4X4 pressure treated

post. Barbara Jean "The 4X4 will be less expensive for you. The concrete will last forever and the 4X4 would last about 10 years." Commissioners discussed the sign at the elementary school and how pressure treated would have more maintenance. Paul Pacheco asked Barbara Jean if the school could build the forms. Barbara Jean "I know we can do the forms, it's the sign I'm a little hesitant, I want to talk to the teacher and get his ideas. I want to make sure we can handle the size of it." Paul Joly "Well get his idea, you know basically we want to have the sign facing so the people can see it going in either direction." Barbara Jean was given a copy of the sign we are looking to have made. Barbara Jean "DWD would supply the composite material, DR would bill DWD for the form materials and a small service fee to maintain our consumables. We will get a price to you about mid September." Barbara Jean asked what DWD time frame is. Commissioners, as soon as possible, whenever the school can handle it. Paul Pacheco explained that the replaceable letter section would also be double sided and would like to build it at least 8 inches deep so in the future we could add lights. This would give us the option of illuminating the sign sometime in the future. Barbara questioned if the form was going to be wide enough for the replaceable sign and who was going to install the sign. Paul Pacheco "The post are going to be about 2000 pounds a piece, we will have to get Arnie over to dig the hole and set them. Quintal said he would take them from his place with a crane truck and drop them off to us. Then we will have Arnie come in." Barbara Jean "Is there an opportunity for the kids to observe?" All commissioners said yes. Paul Pacheco asked "Is it possible to have the kids come out and put the stone face along the concrete after it's there?" Barbara Jean "Possible, it is a skill that is part of their frame work. It would be how the weather falls. The carpentry department already has a few projects in the Q to start the year which will take till about December. The machine shop will be creating the sign, if the machine tool can handle the size of the sign they can start that early in the year." Paul Joly "The other thing we would like on this since the school will be doing this. We would like to have something, a plaque put on "services donated by DR"." Sue Medeiros "We'll make sure we get the Gazette here, kids here maybe". Barbara Jean "You can be flexible with your time. I will put the carpentry & machine shop teachers in your direction." Sue asked when we would hear back. Barbara Jean "It will be mid September, as soon as they are back in the building I will contact you and we'll make a time. At that time it will be easier to meet at the school." If more than two commissioners meet at the school, the meeting will need to be posted 48 hours in advance. Paul Pacheco asked Barbara Jean "Do you work with BP at all?" Barbara Jean "I try to." Paul Pacheco "Because if you go to your guy and he says he can't router this out can he get a hold of the people at BP and ask if they can help him out on this project." Barbara Jean "I would do that, do they have a machine program?" Paul Pacheco "I don't know". Barbara Jean "Let's let this play out, see how it happens because I certainly could call other of my friends in the vocational world and see." Sue "I have a good feeling that you'll be able to do something for us. I know the kids take a lot of pride because they live in the area." Sue thanked Barbara Jean for coming. Barbara Jean "So you folks will take care of getting the replaceable letter piece, if we are confident that we can handle the size, you will purchase the material and we'll take care of router work. We'll take care of the forms and you'll take care of the installation." Paul Pacheco asked if DR does painting. Barbara Jean "No we don't have painting, we have done

some, touch up. You need a sign painter."

Paul Pacheco asked Chuck Cestodio if there were any trucks that needed work that the High school could do. Chuck said "The pickup needs an exhaust system." Paul Pacheco asked Barbara Jean what the turnaround time is and cost. Barbara Jean "The exhaust has a small markup, again we have to cover some of our consumables. Then what we do is we use the bluebook for flat rate and we charge a small fee like 8 or 9 dollars an hour based on what the flat rate would be. If the kids take two days but the flat rate says an hour and a half, you're charged on the hour and a half." Paul Pacheco "If we're paying an \$80.00 shop rate and his going by the bluebook and it's 2 hours, \$160.00 labor and you're \$16.00 labor, is it worth it to us to save \$150.00?" Paul Joly asked if DWD could go 2 weeks without the truck. Barbara Jean "It wouldn't be 2 weeks, call the school in the middle of September to discuss with Gary. I will tell Gary that I spoke with you." Everyone thanked Barbara Jean for coming.

Paul Pacheco asked Chuck if Tony Roderick Jr. came to see him. Sue Medeiros "There was a message on my desk to call Tony and I already told Tina to put it on the agenda. He said he had spoken with you. He said something about water main leaking. He was going to talk to Tommy Ferry, if Tommy Ferry will dig the water main before it gets cold." Paul Pacheco "Have you looked at it Chuck, right across from the South Station on Main Street, there's a puddle?" Chuck "The line for the fire station it's leaking right at the main." Paul Pacheco "Tony feels that he can get Tommy Ferry to go in there and do the digging. If we can do that and we get Arnie in there to dig across the street. Would you bullet across the street or would you dig across the street? This might be an issue that we may not have to get Arnie in at all." Sue Medeiros "I already have Tony coming in. As soon as I got here I told Tina to put it on the agenda for the 24th." Paul Pacheco "I just wanted to get some ideas from Chuck, would you pull or dig across the street? The other thing I wanted to get your opinion on, in the past we've always said Arnie's the only one that's going to dig in the street because it's our pipes. We would not allow another contractor to come in and do it. But in this case where it's the towns fire station and it's the towns back backhoe, it is the towns street. If Tommy Ferry's going to come down, what's your feeling on that? If this particular job we let the Fire Department make their arrangements with Tommy Ferry and we'll just do it as a group effort. We'll send our guys down there, they dig it, we throw a pipe in there, they backfill it, they get it all done. I'm thinking that I would make a motion anyways, I'm not making a motion but I'm thinking I would make a motion at a meeting to do it as a group effort. Not even charge the Fire Department, just send the guys down there." Sue Medeiros "I don't have a problem especial if the towns going to dig it." Paul Joly asked "Is this workable Chuck"? Paul Pacheco "I personally wouldn't vote for taking any work away from Arnie and letting another contractor come in. But it is the towns, towns backhoe, towns road, towns Fire Department. Do we really need to charge the town for something like this?" Chuck "Sore subject right at the moment, that's coming up at the next meeting. That's why I'm not going to say anything." Sue Medeiros "Alright just keep that on your mind that we are going to be discussing it. I asked the Chief to come in."

A discussion was held about details at water breaks.

Paul Pacheco asked "Do you need us to sign the paper for Lin's installation or do you sign off?" Sue asked "Did they come in and sign with Carol?" Tina "No they have not come in." Paul Pacheco "They are set to dig tomorrow. Chuck I thought you said we need to sign the plans." Paul Joly "Did they bring a copy of that new plan in?" Sue "But are we going to sign the plans before they sign the agreement that they're going to pay the money. I thought they were going to sign the agreement then we would sign and then they go forward with the work." Tina "The plans came in today." Sue "I don't want to sign the plans till they sign the agreement. Our signature is not as important as his. We can send him a copy after we sign."

There was a short discussion on the upcoming meetings.

Sue Medeiros "I make a motion to adjourn". Paul Joly "I second it".

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Bragga

Those in attendance:

Paul Pacheco
Sue Medeiros
Tina Bragga

Paul Joly
Charles Cestodio
Barbara Jean-Dighton Rehoboth High School
