



# Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

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**Commissioners:**

Scott Hilsen – President  
William Tracy – Vice President  
Susan Genzale – Secretary

**Consulting Attorney:**

Eric C. Frimodt

**Consulting Engineers:**

Ken Nilsen  
Cameron Ochiltree

**General Manager:**

Ron Hall

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**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**1. Call to Order:**

Commissioner Hilsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Also in Attendance:**

Bill Stephani & Mesfin Mekonnen.

**3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda:**

No changes or additions.

**4. Written Communications:**

Hall submitted a letter he received from Seattle Public Utilities providing a quarterly report of their progress with additional flow monitoring in the Arbor Heights neighborhood. Hall submitted a response letter he sent to Seattle Public Utilities in requesting additional specific information in regard to I&I reduction and long-term planning. Hall requested to know if their updating of the Strategic Business Plan for the 2025-2030 period included pumping and treating their own sewage from the Arbor Heights neighborhood. Hall stated that Seattle Public Utilities response to his email was to request a follow up meeting, so that they can review their understanding from our previous meeting and review the SPU plan. Hall stated that he is in the process of setting up a meeting with them.

**5. Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**6. Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of the Minutes for the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board meeting.
- Approval and Signing of the Accounts Payable Vouchers & Payroll.
- Vouchers audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on listings that have been made available to the Board. Vouchers are included in the attached lists, and further described as follows:
  - Maintenance voucher numbers 23.0980 through 23.1031 in the total amount of \$514,578.86.
  - Construction voucher numbers 23.0025 through 23.0028 in the total amount of \$153,578.86.
  - Review monthly Income Report.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Tracy, seconded by Commissioner Genzale, and unanimously approved.

**7. Business Agenda:**

Cameron Ochiltree updated the Board on BHC's status of the General Sewer Plan document and the status of the Miller Creek Plant Electrical upgrade.

Ken Nilsen updated the Board on PACE's status on PS18 progress, the status of Pump Station #4 & Pump Station #11 progress. In addition, the District was awarded PWTF monies for the three pump station projects.

Hall requested approval of Resolution 2023-10-01, confirming action taken to execute the American Dream Realty Developer Extension. After lengthy discussion, the Board moved to hold off on approving the Developer Extension until they have additional information. The following day on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Hall called each of the Commissioners and provided the additional information they had requested the evening before. All three Commissioners authorized Hall to sign Resolution 2023-10-01 on their behalf, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Mesfin Mekonnen presented the 2024 Contract Customer Rates calculations for Valley View Sewer District and the City of Seattle. Valley View Sewer District will have an increase of \$2.46/month/REU, and the City of Seattle will have an increase of \$2.29/month/REU. After brief discussion, the Board, M/S/P unanimously approving the calculations and to notify the contract customers of the increase.

**8. Manager's Comments or Reports:**

No Manager reports of comments.

**9. Attorney's Comments and Reports:**

Attorney Frimodt reported on the status of collection matters. Frimodt indicated that his office is working on the final notices of intent to foreclose. Frimodt also reported that Mr. Holevas has been in contact with his office regarding his delinquent account. A general discussion of the Holevas account

