



# 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 (*absent*)  
Cameron Ochiltree (*absent*)

**General Manager:**

Ron Hall (*absent*)

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**November 7<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 filled in for Ron Hall. Jason Richardson

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

No changes or additions.

**4. Written Communications:**

No written communications.

**5. Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**6. Consent Agenda:**

- o Approval of the Minutes for the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board meeting.
- o Approval and Signing of the Accounts Payable Vouchers & Payroll.
- o 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 23.01032 through 23.1080 in the total amount of \$282,827.98.
- Construction voucher numbers 23.0029 through 23.0029 in the total amount of \$10,627.95.

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

## **7. Business Agenda:**

Request authorization to approve additional scope of supply related to the Miller Creek Electrical/Boiler Upgrade from Quality Controls Corporation in the amount of \$102,292.00, plus WSST. After brief discussion, the Board, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Request authorization to purchase replacement in-plant pump station pumps in the amount of \$64,310.88. After brief discussion, the Board, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Request approval of Resolution 2023-11-01 to accept the execution of the Restad Townhome Developer Extension. After brief discussion, the Board, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Request authorization to purchase new 2024 F-150 for the Miller Creek Plant in the estimated amount of \$40,000.00. After brief discussion, the Board, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

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

Comments on behalf of General Manager Ron Hall:

- Dustin Ventin was hired as the new System Administrator. Dustin will be replacing Kris Buetz who will be retiring in January 2024. Dustin started on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The State Auditor's Office began their audit of the District this past week. Ron had his Risk Assessment interview with Lucas (new State Auditor) this past Wednesday. Ron would like to discuss which commissioner would like to sit in on the Exit Interview and confirm a date and time.
- Ron will be meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> with Andrew Lee and Ellen Stewart of SPU to discuss the Arbor Heights neighborhood. SPU will be sending a copy of their Strategic Business Plan and other requested documentation prior to the in-person meeting.
- The District was informed that the PWTF monies will not be available until early next year, but we can start spending now and file for reimbursement when those funds become available. PACE has been directed to begin designing Salmon Creek Basin repairs.
- Ron will provide drafts of District logos for review at the next Board meeting.
- Ron will schedule an Executive Session to discuss Union negotiations at the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

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

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Attorney Frimodt provided an update on the status of the *Tacoma v. Ecology* appeal involving the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit matter. Frimodt advised the Board that Ecology filed a Petition for Review which is seeking a review of the Court of Appeals’ decision by the Washington Supreme Court. The lead attorney working for the wastewater treatment plants has prepared a draft Answer to the Petition. Frimodt stated that the Answer is due to be filed in the near future. The Answer will provide arguments as to why the decision made by the Court of appeals was correct and that there is no basis for discretionary review by the Washington Supreme Court.

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**10. Commissioner’s Comments or Reports:**

Commissioner Hilsen commented on PFAS document.

**11. Executive Session:**

No executive session.

**12. Set the next Public Meeting, Dates and Times:**

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.  
December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

**13. Adjournment:**

The meeting was ended at 7:17 p.m.

**Attest:**

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**Scott Hilsen**                            \_\_\_ Approve  
President and Commissioner        \_\_\_ Oppose

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**William Tracy**                        \_\_\_ Approve  
Vice-President and Commissioner \_\_\_ Oppose

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**Suzy Genzale**                        \_\_\_ Approve  
Secretary and Commissioner       \_\_\_ Oppose