

Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

March 04, 2008

Commissioner Hilsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Scott Hilsen
Commissioner Tony Genzale

General Manager Ron Hall
Manager Steve Sandelius
Engineer Craig Chambers
Engineer Gareth Grube
Engineer Erik Waligorski

Commissioner– William Tracy Absent

Also in attendance were Terry and Deborah Hoefle.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda – Hall requested additions to the Business Agenda of updating the Board on the new Utility Operator hires, acceptance of pump station #17 elimination bid, and salary increase request from Terry Hoefle.

Acknowledge Written Communications – The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Michael Corliss. After review, the Board directed Hall to send a response letter.

Consent Agenda

After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the Consent Agenda.

- Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 19th, 2008 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 08.0253 through 08.0301 in the total amount of \$121,381.43.
 - Construction voucher numbers 08.0019 through 08.0020 in the total amount of \$7683.47.

Business Agenda

Hall submitted Resolution 2008-05 requesting authorization to enter into agreement with the 162nd Street LLC – Developer Extension. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Hall submitted Resolution 2008-06 requesting acceptance of the Davis and Robinson Inc. Manhattan Park, Majestic Homes Developer Extension as complete. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the project as complete.

Hall submitted a bid from Brad's Custom Cabinets to build a custom Commissioners meeting table in the amount of \$6862.88. After discussion, it was decided that this issue would be postponed until the meeting on March 19th so that they could get input from Commissioner Tracy.

Hall submitted a scope and budget from BHC Consultants for the Compost Evaluation and new Sewer Maintenance facility in the amount of \$29,825.00. After lengthy discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Hall submitted a bid from Michels Corporation (low bidder) for the Chelsea Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$1,189,410.00. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the bid and authorizing Hall to sign the contract.

Sandelius update the Board on progress with the City of Seattle concerning back billing issues and General Facilities Charges.

Hall notified the Board on the two new Utility Operators hired. Staff is very pleased with the addition of Michael Wagner and Shane Cooper who come to us with skills and abilities that will have an immediate positive impact.

Hall submitted the bid tabulation sheet identifying RP Company as the apparent low bidder for the Pump Station #17 Elimination project in the amount of \$629,406.06. After brief discussion, M/S/P awarding the contract to RP Company with the stipulation that RP Company provides proper L&I documentation within 72 hours.

Hall submitted a request on behalf of the bargaining units union, requesting that Terry Hoefle would receive his step raise in July, 2008 as scheduled. Hall recommended that Hoefle not receive the scheduled increase in July, 2008. Hall explained to the Board that with the re-organization of the treatment plant supervisor positions, Hoefle's position has been eliminated and that Hoefle has made the decision to take one of the senior operator positions rather than apply for the new supervisor positions. Hall also stated that the union contract states that if an employee who bumps into a lower position will be paid pursuant to the scale of the lower classification. This is not the case for Hoefle, he will keep his higher salary until the rest of the seniors catch up to his salary through cost of living adjustments which will take an estimated three years. Hall then stated that Hoefle's current salary is \$530.00/month higher than any other senior within the District with equal responsibilities. Hoefle stated that he did not think this was fair and that he felt he was being singled out by the reorganization. Hoefle stated that he believes he should receive the scheduled pay increase in July, 2008 because of his past performance and responsibilities. Hoefle then requested that the board consider a pro-rated increase in pay. After lengthy discussion, the board postponed a decision until the next scheduled meeting so that they could speak to legal counsel and Commissioner Tracy about this matter.

