

## Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

March 18, 2008

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

Present:	Commissioner Scott Hilsen	General Manager Ron Hall
	Commissioner Tony Genzale	Manager Steve Sandelius
	Commissioner William Tracy	Engineer Craig Chambers
		Engineer Gareth Grube
		Engineer Dwight Holobaugh
		Engineer Evan Henke
		Attorney Eric Frimodt

Also in attendance were Terry Hoefle and George Hadley.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda – Hall requested additions to the Business Agenda to include the following topics: (1) discussion of the bid from Brad's Custom Cabinets to construct a Commissioners Meeting Table, (2) approval of construction services from Pace Engineering for Station #17 elimination. (3) request for authorization to advertise for Station #2 rehabilitation, and (4) discussion of status of current negotiations with the City of Seattle.

### Acknowledge Written Communications

The Board reviewed an email from Mr. John Holmes.

### Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 08.032 through 08.0337 in the total amount of \$138,508.45.
  - Construction voucher numbers 08.0021 through 08.0023 in the total amount of \$249,104.05.

### Business Agenda

Based on Hoefle's request, he was given the opportunity to speak to the entire Board about his request to receive his supervisor step raise in July, 2008 as had been scheduled prior to the recent reorganization. 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. Commissioner Genzale indicated that he wanted Hoefle to know that any decision not to grant his request should not be viewed as a reflection on his past performance as Hoefle has been a valuable employee of the District. Commissioner Genzale asked Frimodt whether he had reviewed this matter with the General Manager. Frimodt indicated that a decision not to grant Hoefle's request would not constitute a violation of the union contract. Hall recommended that Hoefle not receive the scheduled increase in July, 2008. Hall explained to the Board that with the reorganization of the treatment plant supervisor positions, Hoefle's position has been eliminated and that Hoefle voluntarily 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 provides that an employee who bumps into a lower position will be paid pursuant to the scale of the lower classification. However, this is not the case for Hoefle as the District has determined that Hoefle 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. After brief discussion M/S/P, the Board denied Hoefle's request.

Hall requested authorization to advertise ULID 79-P2 for bid in the Daily Journal of Commerce. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Sandelius presented different options for funding ULID 79-P2. After brief discussion, M/S/P accepting Sandelius's recommendation and directed him to issue a two million dollar bond effective May 1, 2008 for ULID 79-P2.

Sandelius updated the Board on the status of the King County Investment Pool report.

Frimodt presented the Southwest Beach Homeowners Sewer Connection and Service Agreement for the Boards review and approval. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the agreement.

Hall requested authorization to add two additional failing sewer lines at SW 140<sup>th</sup> Street and between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South & 1st Avenue SW to the Chelsea Park project for CIPP repair. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Hall requested authorization to advertise from the Small Works Roster for the repair of the 12" mainline at SW 146<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Hall submitted Resolution 2008-07 requesting acceptance of the John Coleman, C&O Development 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 \$6,862.88. After lengthy discussion, the Board directed Hall to request a drawing from Brad's Custom Cabinets and to also get a second quote.

Hall requested construction services from Pace Engineering in the amount of \$39,270.00 for the Pump Station #17 elimination. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Hall requested authorization to advertise for the Pump Station #2 Rehabilitation project in the Daily Journal of Commerce. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Sandelius updated the Board on the current negotiation with the City of Seattle and requested authorization to utilize the services of District legal counsel Frimodt given the status of negotiations. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

### **Commissioner's Comments or Reports**

Tracy reported on the WASWD Region 4 monthly meeting held on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Lakehaven Utility District. Tracy also reported on his tour of the Las Vegas Wastewater Treatment Plant in Colorado Springs.

Hilsen reported on his car accident with an armored truck on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Comment**

Hadley inquired on the possibility of the District installing sewer service to the folks living in the Southwest Beach area of Normandy Park in conjunction with the sewer improvements being constructed by the Southwest Beach Homeowners project in order to minimize the impacts to the residents in that area. Mr. Hadley was informed that because the small neighborhood was so far from sewer service, that it would be too expensive to provide service.

### **Executive Session**

At approximately 7:40 p.m., Commissioner Hilsen indicated that the Board would be moving into an Executive Session. Frimodt announced that the purpose of the Executive Session would be to discuss potential litigation involving a claim submitted by Wesley and Meredith Nichols relating to a flood and sewer backup that occurred on their property. Frimodt indicated that he estimated that the Executive Session would take approximately 15 minutes. The Executive Session concluded at 7:55 p.m. No announcement to extend the Executive Session was made as

