

Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

May 6, 2008

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

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| Present: | Commissioner Scott Hilsen | General Manager Ron Hall |
| | Commissioner Tony Genzale | Manager Steve Sandelius |
| | Commissioner William Tracy | Engineer Craig Chambers |
| | | Engineer Gareth Grube |
| | | Engineer Erik Waligorski |
| | | Attorney Eric Frimodt |

Also in attendance were Brett Fish, Doug Osterman, John Parker, Georgene Smith, Canfield Smith, Ronald Johanson, George Hadley, Larry Zaragoza and a few other unidentified people.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda – Hall requested additions to the Business Agenda to include the following topics: (1) Authorization for General Mechanical Inc. to install odor control fiberglass ducting at Salmon Creek Plant. (2) Authorization to sign contract with Gary Merlino Construction for the Station #2 rehabilitation. (3) Approve scope, budget and schedule for Evergreen Heights Sewer Project - Phase II (4) Approve budget change order for Evergreen Heights – Phase I. (5) Request signatures from the Board for Evergreen Heights - Phase I.

Acknowledge Written Communications – The Board reviewed a letter sent to the Burien City Council and the Burien City Manager sent on behalf of Water District #20, Water District #49 & SWSSD. After brief discussion, the Board directed Hall to draft a letter to the Burien City Council expressing the Boards preference concerning the North Highline Annexation. The Board reviewed a letter received from property owner Adem Delalic. Mr. Delalic requested a written response to questions he has concerning the billing of his two accessory dwelling units. After brief discussion, the Board directed Hall to send a written response to Mr. Delalic.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of April 18th & April 22nd, 2008.
- 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 08.0496 through 08.0565 in the total amount of \$176,335.00.

- Construction voucher numbers 08.0040 through 08.0047 in the total amount of \$78,118.51.

Business Agenda

Chambers presented and discussed his carbon footprint study comparing composting to hauling biosolids to Eastern Washington. The CO₂ released into the atmosphere from diesel trucks hauling the biosolids from the Miller Creek Plant to farm land in Eastern Washington is 114,563 lbs/year. The CO₂ released into the atmosphere from composting at the Miller Creek Plant from the use of diesel fuel and electricity is 451,916 lbs/year.

Hilsen opened the meeting to public comments concerning the Board's consideration of ceasing compost production in order to save \$120,000.00 - \$150,000.00 per year, as well as reducing the emissions of approximately 337,000 lbs of CO₂ released into the atmosphere. Brett Fish, Doug Osterman, John Parker, Georgene Smith, Canfield Smith, Ronald Johanson, George Hadley and Barb Purdy all spoke on their preference for the District to consider continuing the production of compost. In general they all thought other environmental considerations should be considered before a final decision is made. Many of them spoke on what a great product it was and how they have been using the District's compost for many years, and have found no other product that works as well. The Board shared that the cost associated with composting compared to hauling biosolids, accounts for an additional \$.50 per month per rate payer. Mr. Osterman submitted letters of opposition to ceasing production of compost from himself, Kenneth Friddell of the Normandy Park Community Club, and Shawn McEvoy, Mayor of Normandy Park. After lengthy discussion, the Board decided to continue investigating the advantages and disadvantages of composting.

Hall presented a consultant agreement with Steve Sandelius for the services of accounting/finance, budgeting and other services. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the agreement and authorizing Hall to sign the contract.

Hall requested authorization for BHC to proceed with the diesel fuel storage project at Pump Station #4. The fuel tank would be used for vehicle and emergency generator use. In the event of a catastrophe, the District would have enough fuel to supply all diesel needs for 7 days. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving BHC to move forward with the design.

Sandelius submitted a change order for the Pump Station #17 elimination project in the amount of up to \$161,000.00. The change order was to approve additional costs relating to the fact that Des Moines Memorial Drive had several inches of concrete and a layer of brick that would have to be removed which was a latent condition not known by Pace Engineers or District staff. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Hall requested authorization for General Mechanical Inc. to install odor control fiberglass ducting at Salmon Creek Plant in the amount of \$57,614.00. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Hall requested authorization to sign the contract with Gary Merlino Construction for the Pump Station #2 rehabilitation. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the contract and authorizing Hall to sign the contract.

Waligorski requested approval for the scope, budget and schedule for Evergreen Heights Sewer Project Phase II - in the amount of \$120,200.00. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Hall requested approval for the budget change order for Evergreen Heights Phase I - in the amount of \$23,000 for the additional permitting and geological work needed. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the request.

Hall submitted the contract for Evergreen Heights Phase I for the Boards signature. After brief discussion, M/S/P approving the contract and authorizing the Board to sign the contract.

Commissioner's Comments or Reports - None

Manager's Comments or Reports - None

Public Comment – All public comments were stated during the Board's consideration of ceasing compost hearing earlier in the meeting.

Executive Session -

At approximately 8:03 p.m., Commissioner Hilsen indicated that the Board would be moving into an Executive Session. Hall announced that the purpose of the Executive Session would be to discuss employee grievances relating to payment issues while on military leave. The Executive Session concluded at 8:17 p.m.

Set the next Public Meeting, Dates and Times:

- Commissioner's Meetings _ May 20, 2008 @ 6:00 pm
- June 3rd, 2008 @ 6:00 pm
- June 17th, 2008 @ 6:00 pm

