



Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

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Commissioners:

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

Consulting Attorney:

Eric C. Frimodt

Consulting Engineers:

Ken Nilsen (*Absent*)
Cameron Ochiltree

General Manager:

Ron Hall

November 22nd, 2022

1. Call to Order:

Commissioner Tracy called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Also in Attendance:

Tim Berge.

3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

Added an Executive Session.

4. Written Communications:

No written communication.

5. Public Comment:

No public comment.

6. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the Minutes for the November 8th, 2022 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 22.1064 through 22.1110 in the total amount of \$511,701.70.
- Construction voucher numbers 22.0029 through 22.0030 in the total amount of \$311,176.32.
- Review monthly Income Report.

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

7. Business Agenda:

Cameron Ochiltree updated the Board on BHC's status of the General Sewer Plan, Miller Creek Electrical Upgrades, and the DMMD-WSDOT Inverted Siphon project.

Hall reviewed PACE's status report on providing the District with information on the retrofit of existing lift stations #11 & #4, and that the lift station #18 Forcemain replacement construction project was going well and almost complete.

Katy Isaksen presented a 2022 General Facilities Charge (GFC) update. Ms. Isaksen recommended adjusting the GFC from \$3,826 to \$4,402 and to adjust the multi-family factor from 0.63 to 0.80. The proposed adjustment will continue to keep SWSSD as the lowest GFC in the region. After lengthy discussion, M/S/P the Board unanimously approving the recommendation for 2023.

Hall requested to purchase replacement LED lighting in the amount of \$14,331.84, plus WSST, for the secondary clarifiers at the Salmon Creek WWTP. After brief discussion, M/S/P the Board unanimously approving the request.

Hall requested authorization to pay Laser Underground their progress payment #2 of \$268,073.32 for work performed on phase one of the Pump Station #18 Forcemain Replacement Project. After brief discussion, M/S/P the Board unanimously approving the request.

8. Manager's Comments or Reports:

Hall informed the Board that he was contacted by RH2 Engineering about a project they are working on for Valley View Sewer District to potentially reduce fecal coliform in Miller Creek. The project would provide sewer service in an area of failing septic systems at the headend of Miller Creek. Hall stated that the District will work with Valley View and RH2 in providing historical lab data.

Hall also informed the Board that the City of Burien will be voting at next Monday's City Council meeting to increase the water and sewer utility tax from 8% to 10% for 2023.

9. Attorney's Comments and Reports:

Attorney Frimodt provided a status report on the appeal filed by the Department of Ecology in the Court of Appeals relating to the Puget Sound General Nutrient Permit matter. Frimodt advised the Board that an amicus brief had been filed on behalf of an environmental group and two Native American tribes which was responded to by the attorneys representing the wastewater treatment purveyors and permit holders involved in the case. Frimodt advised the Board that the Court of

Appeals is currently attempting to schedule the oral argument hearing which may occur in the first quarter of 2023.

10. Commissioner’s Comments or Reports:

Commissioner Tracy spoke on his attendance of the WASWD Section 4 meeting.

11. Executive Session:

At 7:32 pm, the Board convened an executive session to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(I) that was attended by the Board and District legal counsel for an estimated duration of 20 minutes. The executive session ended at 8:16 pm. No announcement of the extension of the executive session was made as no members of the public were in attendance in person or remotely. No action was taken by the Board.

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

December 6th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
December 20th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
January 3rd, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
January 17th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was ended at 8:22 p.m.

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Attest:

William Tracy ___ Approve

President and Commissioner ___ Oppose

Scott Hilsen ___ Approve

Vice-President and Commissioner ___ Oppose

Suzy Genzale ___ Approve

Secretary and Commissioner ___ Oppose