



Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

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Commissioners:

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

Consulting Attorney:

Eric C. Frimodt

Consulting Engineers:

Ken Nilsen- (*Absent*)
Cameron Ochiltree- (*Absent*)

General Manager:

Ron Hall- (*Absent*)

July 7th, 2020

1. Call to Order:

6: 30 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 virus epidemic the Board of Commissioner meeting was held via teleconference only.

2. Also in Attendance:

Mesfin Mekonnen filled in for Ron Hall.

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:

- Approval of the Minutes for the June 16th, 2020 Board meetings.
- 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 20.0594 through 20.0655 in the total amount of \$238,899.43.
- Construction voucher number 20.0030 through 20.0031 in the total amount of \$404,944.03.
- 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:

Mekonnen requested approval for Pay Estimate #19 for work performed by Prospect Construction for the Salmon Creek Solids Handling Project in the amount of \$404,944.03. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the requests.

Mekonnen presented the District's Year to Date Financial Statement as of May 31st, 2020. Mekonnen stated that the financial analysis shows the income from late charge and Construction aid was decreased due to COVID-19. Mekonnen also responded to some questions and comments from Commissioner Hilsen and will apply some of the comments for preparation of future District financial reports.

8. Manager's Comments or Reports:

No Comments or Reports.

9. Attorney's Comments and Reports:

Attorney Frimodt provided an update on the Governor's extension of the Open Public Meeting Act waiver relating to COVID-19. Frimodt indicated that the OPMA waiver is supposed to be extended to August 1, 2020 which means the District will need to continue with its remote meetings through July, if not longer. Frimodt also provided an update on the Washington Supreme Court's ruling in the Lakehaven v. Federal Way excise tax case. Frimodt indicated that on June 18, 2020, the Washington Supreme Court ruled that code cities can impose an excise tax on water-sewer district revenues pursuant to a statute that allows code cities to impose excise taxes on business activities conducted within their jurisdictions. A general discussion followed. Frimodt also responded to an inquiry made by Commissioner Tracy about the situation involving an unauthorized discharge of septic wastewater into the District's sewer system by Blakely Septic that occurred back in May. Frimodt provided a general status report and indicated that he would be following up on this matter shortly.

10. Commissioner's Comments or Reports:

Commissioner Tracy encouraged everyone to read an article from WWT June 2020 magazine, pages 40-45, regarding pure water modelling.

