



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

General Manager:

Ron Hall

July 21st, 2020

1. Call to Order:

6: 32 p.m.

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

2. Also in Attendance:

No others in Attendance.

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 July 7th, 2020 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 20.0656 through 20.0699 in the total amount of \$443,363.42.
- Construction voucher number 20.0032 in the total amount of \$6,489.50.
- Review monthly Income Report.

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

7. Business Agenda:

Cameron Ochiltree updated the Board on BHC's status of the Salmon Creek Solids Handling Project in startup of the new anaerobic digester, boiler and dewatering device.

Hall updated the Board on PACE's meeting with District staff in discussions of getting the design started back up for Pump Station #18.

Hall requested approval for Resolution 2020-07-01, the execution of BDR Holdings Developer Extension as complete. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Hall requested approval for Salmon Creek Solids Handling Project Change Order #024 in the amount of \$33,108.00. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the requests.

8. Manager's Comments or Reports:

Hall reported on an incident at the Miller Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The District golf cart that is used for grabbing lab samples, moving small equipment and running up to the Dewatering Facility was stolen from the property on this past Monday morning, and driven and abandoned at Three Tree Point. When District staff retrieved the golf cart, there was no damage to the cart. Hall also reported theft incidents at the Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City of Burien Police believe that the treatment plant is being hit from people living in a homeless camp in the wooded area just north of the treatment plant. District staff are working with the City of Burien Police and City of Burien Parks staff.

Hall stated that the "system security risk assessment" had been completed by BlackPoint, and that he will send out the report this week for the Board's review before discussing the assessment at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Hall provided an update to the Board on the status of negotiations with the Department of Ecology (DOE) in regards to the new proposed Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit. Hall stated that there was good input from a number of land use planners that brought up some good points in that the nutrient caps could have an impact on local jurisdictions complying with state Growth Management Act (GMA) rules. They stated that GMA list a number of goals, including equity, affordability, environmental protection, and that this may have an impact on affordable housing. They also stated that some jurisdictions were concerned about cost impacts on communities that are struggling with current economic conditions. Hall also stated that at this time, the DOE is not prepared to set

nutrient removal standards. The DOE indicated that during the first NPDES permit cycle they might request/or require some sort of optimization of our treatment plants. I'm speculating that the DOE will require engineering on facility improvements during the second cycle, then capital improvements the third cycle. This could be a 12 to 15 year process.

Hall also reported on the City of Burien's City Manager's report to Council on the 2021-2022 Budget Reduction Planning. In addition to the already established budget cuts to the 2020 budget, the City is also planning 12% cuts to the 2021 & 2022 budgets. Their deficit estimate is approximately \$3.3 million for each year.

Hall reminded the Board of a request from Mr. & Mrs. Harris, that was brought to the Board's attention at the March 3rd, 2020 Board meeting, requesting assistance and direction in moving a swimming pool drain line that was installed illegally by the previous owners. The Harris's are requesting additional time to hire and work with a contractor during the COVID-10 virus pandemic. Because the illegal drain line is not currently causing any issues, Hall recommended to the Board to wait until early 2021 when it will be safer for the Harris's to work with a contractor. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the requests.

9. Attorney's Comments and Reports:

Attorney Frimodt reported to the Board on the status of his review of the illegal dumping of septic wastewater into the District's sewer system by Blakely Septic Service. Frimodt advised the Board that he would like this issue to be placed on the Agenda for the August 4, 2020 Board meeting. Frimodt indicated that the Board would be considering the imposition of a \$500 penalty for each of the two incidents. Frimodt stated that he would be sending Correy Ware, the owner of Blakely Septic Services, a letter to advise him that this matter will be considered at the August 4th Board meeting, and that if he desires to participate he would be given an opportunity to address the Board regarding this matter. The Board agreed that this matter should be placed on the agenda for the August 4th Board meeting.

Frimodt also provided a status report on the Fish appeal. Frimodt indicated that due to other workloads and deadlines Inslee Best requested another continuance on the deadline to file the District's response brief to Mr. Fish's appeal. The new deadline is August 19, 2020, but that he hoped that the response brief would be filed before that time. Frimodt also advised the Board that the complaint filed against him by Brett Fish with the Washington State Bar Association had been dismissed.

10. Commissioner's Comments or Reports:

Commissioners Suzy Genzale and Scott Hilsen commented on their attendance of the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts (WASWD) Section 4 meeting that was held on July 20th, 2020. At that meeting, there were many thanks to Commissioner Bill Tracy for his 26 years of dedication and representation on the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC). Commissioner Bill Tracy received a plaque in recognition for his commitment and dedication from WASWSD, Section IV.

