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Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

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Commissioners:

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

Consulting Attorney:

Eric C. Frimodt

Consulting Engineers:

Ken Nilsen
Cameron Ochiltree

General Manager:

Ron Hall

July 20th, 2021

1. Call to Order:

Commissioner Genzale called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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 6th, 2021 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:

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- Maintenance voucher numbers 21.0668 through 21.0730 in the total amount of \$586,454.61.
- Construction voucher number 21.0021 in the total amount of \$22,351.50.
- Review monthly Income Report.

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

7. **Business Agenda:**

Cameron Ochiltree updated the Board on BHC's status of the Salmon Creek Solids Handling Project and the General Sewer Plan.

Ken Nilsen updated the Board on PACE's status on providing the District with information on the retrofit of existing lift stations #18, #11 & #4.

Hall requested approval for Resolution 2021-07-01, again extending temporary billing and collection policies relating to the COVID-19 pandemic to September 30th, 2021. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Hall reminded the Board that effective January 1st, 2022, all employees will be required to participate in the new Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Act that is being implemented in Washington State. This is a new payroll tax deduction on gross wages at a rate of 0.58%, i.e. for every \$100 earned you will pay \$0.58 in tax. All employees will have to pay this tax unless they purchase another long-term care plan that is approved by the Employment Security Department by 11/1/2021. After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed for the District to pay for the new Long-Term payroll tax.

Hall reminded the Board that Juneteenth is now recognized as a federal holiday and recommended adding it to the list of recognized observed holidays by the District and the Union contract. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Hall requested approval for Resolution 2021-07-02, confirming action taken in executing of the Hadley Developer Extension #234. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Hall requested approval for the north entrance to the Miller Creek fence project as proposed. After lengthy discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

8. **Manager's Comments or Reports:**

Hall reported that he had received a quote from Protection Seattle to install security film over all exterior windows across the front of the administration building in the amount of \$5,394.40 and that the security film will be installed this coming Friday. Commissioner Hilsen recommended also installing security film over the interior windows of the lobbies for additional protection. Hall stated that he will make sure the additional film gets installed.

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9. Attorney's Comments and Reports:

Attorney Frimodt reported on the status of the King County franchise ordinance litigation and the motions for partial summary judgment scheduled for July 23, 2021. Frimodt also reported on the status of the Fish appeal. Frimodt reported that the Court of Appeals had issued a mandate and the case was sent back to the trial court for proceedings in accordance with the Court of Appeals' decision which reversed the trial court's award of attorney' fees to the District. Frimodt also noted that the Court of Appeals awarded Brett Fish costs in the amount of \$2,112.25 which were allowed under court rule. Finally, Frimodt mentioned that he is working with several other districts on the review of the franchise agreement proposed by SeaTac. Frimodt inquired about whether the District serves within SeaTac. The General Manager confirmed that the District serves only a very small number of connections within SeaTac.

10. Commissioner's Comments or Reports:

Commissioner Tracy requested a list of all delinquent customers for the next Board meeting.

11. Executive Session:

Commissioner Genzale convened an executive session at 7:25 pm to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for 10 minutes. At 7:35 pm, the executive session was extended for an additional 10 minutes and at 7:40 pm the executive session was extended for an additional 5 minutes. The executive session concluded at 7:43 pm. No announcement of the final extension was made as no public were in attendance. No action was taken by the Board at the conclusion of the executive session.

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

August 3rd, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
August 17th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was ended at 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

Suzy Genzale ___ Approve
President and Commissioner ___ Oppose

William Tracy ___ Approve
Vice-President and Commissioner ___ Oppose

Scott Hilsen ___ Approve
Secretary and Commissioner ___ Oppose