



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- *(Absent)*
Cameron Ochiltree- *(Absent)*

General Manager:

Ron Hall

August 3rd, 2021

1. Call to Order:

6:30 p.m.

2. Also in Attendance:

No others in attendance

Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

Added approve temporary sewer service to the Business Agenda.

3. Written Communications:

No written communications.

4. Public Comment:

No public comment.

5. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the Minutes for the July 20th, 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:

- Maintenance voucher numbers 21.0731 through 21.0773 in the total amount of \$271,310.75
- Review monthly Income Report.

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

6. Business Agenda:

Hall presented a letter addressed to the Department of Ecology, concerning their draft Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit to wastewater treatment plants that discharge into Puget Sound. The letter expresses the District's request to delay the new permit until further nutrient studies and modeling have been completed so that more informed and educated decisions can be made. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving sending the letter to ecology.

Hall requested authorization to allow temporary sewer service for Mr. & Mrs. Babcock, at 15239 22nd Ave. SW. The septic system has failed, and their home sits below gravity grade to the sewer service line within the roadway in front of their home and they will need to install a pump system. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approved the request.

Hall congratulated supervisors Tim Berge, Bill Stephani, Jason Richardson, the operation, maintenance and sewer collection department leads and all of the treatment plant and collection system employees for doing such a fantastic job in 2020. Both the Miller Creek WWTP and the Salmon Creek WWTP received "2020 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Awards". These awards are given for achieving full compliance for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. Commissioners Genzale, Hilsen and Tracy all expressed their congratulations and gratitude to all staff for doing such a great job!

Hall presented a spreadsheet prepared by Mesfin Mekonnen, identifying all outstanding customer sewer service debt. Hall pointed out that there is a total of \$770,988.60, with \$572,047.10 being more than 240+ days.

7. Manager's Comments or Reports:

No comments or reports.

8. Attorney's Comments and Reports:

Attorney Frimodt reported on the trial court's ruling on the cross motions for summary judgment on the King County franchise litigation. Frimodt reported that the Districts' motions were denied, but the court left open the possibility of a condemnation action and additional claims based on an "as applied" challenge once negotiations on franchise compensation had occurred. Frimodt indicated that he would be convening an all-District meeting in the near future to discuss the status of the case and recommendations.

