



# 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

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**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

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**1. Call to Order:**

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

**2. Also in Attendance:**

Mesfin Mekonnen.

**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 December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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 21.1211 through 21.1267 in the total amount of \$446,299.18.#
- 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, DMMD-WSDOT Inverted Siphon project and the General Sewer Plan.

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 and Mesfin Mekonnen presented the 2022 – 2024 District Budget to the Board for their review and comments. After lengthy discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the 2022 – 2024 District Budget.

Hall requested approval for Resolution 2021-12-01, increasing the monthly sewer service rates and charges for 2022, 2023 and 2024, and amending the previous rate resolutions. After lengthy discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Hall requested approval for Resolution 2021-12-02, authorizing the transfer of funds from the Maintenance Fund to the Construction Revolving Fund in the amount of \$4,022,456.00. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

Hall requested approval for Resolution 2021-12-03, authorizing the transfer of funds from the Maintenance Fund to the Bond Fund in the amount of \$2,075,626.00. After brief discussion, M/S/P unanimously approving the request.

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

No Comments of Reports.

**9. Attorney's Comments and Reports:**

Attorney Frimodt provided a report on the status of the King County Franchise Ordinance lawsuit. Frimodt advised the Board that the trial court recently granted the County's summary judgment motion which effectively ends the existing litigation. Frimodt advised that the Utilities' unresolved claims were dismissed without prejudice and could be brought in the future after negotiations occur regarding franchise rental compensation. Frimodt also reported on the recent announcement by Governor Inslee and the Legislative leadership that they were delaying implementation of the Washington Cares Act (long term care program) due to the need to review and fix the current law which requires employers to begin imposing a payroll tax on January 1, 2022. Frimodt discussed miscellaneous issues relating to the delay in the implementation of the Washington Cares Act. Frimodt also reported to the Board that a customer (Bani Investments) recently made a large payment to cure a delinquent installment payment that was due under the terms of a connection

charge installment payment agreement. As a result, the District will not need to engage in further collection efforts on this matter.

**10. Commissioner’s Comments or Reports:**

No Comments or Reports.

**11. Set the next Public Meeting, Dates and Times:**

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.  
January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

**12. Adjournment:**

The meeting was ended at 7:35 p.m.

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**Attest:**

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**Suzy Genzale**  Approve

President and Commissioner  Oppose

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**William Tracy**  Approve

Vice-President and Commissioner  Oppose

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**Scott Hilsen**  Approve

Secretary and Commissioner  Oppose