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Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

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Dedicated to preserve the purity of your environment."

Commissioners:

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

Consulting Attorney:

Eric C. Frimodt

Consulting Engineers:

Ken Nilsen - *Absent*
Cameron Ochiltree

General Manager:

Ron Hall - *Absent*

June 21st, 2022

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Also in Attendance:

Tim Berge & Bill Stephani.

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 7th, 2022 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 22.0550 through 22.0591 in the total amount of \$420,504.92.
- Construction voucher number 22.0016 in the total amount of \$8,911.45.
- 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:

Ochiltree updated the Board on BHC’s status of the Miller Creek Electrical Upgrades, DMMD-WSDOT Inverted Siphon project and the General Sewer Plan.

The Board reviewed PACE’s status report on providing the District with information on the retrofit of existing lift stations #18, #11 & #4.

Mr. Berge & Mr. Stephani presented Resolution 2022-06-02, accepting the Hadley Sewer Improvement Developer Extension as complete. After brief discussion, M/S/P the Board unanimously approving the request.

Operation Supervisor, Tim Berge and Maintenance Supervisor, Bill Stephani presented their annual Operations and Maintenance reports for the Miller Creek and Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plants and all of the Pump Stations. The Board of Commissioners thanked Mr. Berge and Mr. Stephani for their presentations.

8. Manager’s Comments or Reports:

No Manager’s Report.

9. Attorney’s Comments and Reports:

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Attorney Frimodt provided a report to the Board on the status of the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit Litigation. Frimodt summarized the nature of the case and the fact that Ecology missed the appeal deadline. However, the Court Commissioner accepted Ecology’s late notice of appeal. Frimodt advised the Board that the District joined in the motion to modify the ruling made by the Court Commissioner allowing Ecology to file a late appeal. This motion will be heard by a panel of judges, and it is possible that the Court could overrule the Court Commissioner’s decision allowing Ecology to file an appeal after the deadline had expired. Frimodt reported that the appeal will progress along normal timelines. The Court will likely make a decision on the motion to modify in a few weeks after Ecology files its response. Frimodt indicated that he will continue to monitor the case and will update the Board when new information is available.

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Frimodt also reported that there is a new law in Washington that requires public agencies to post signs saying that “open carry” of firearms is prohibited in places where public agencies conduct their meetings. Frimodt advised the Board that he will work with the General Manager on the new signage requirements.

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10. Commissioner's Comments or Reports:

Commissioner Hilsen inquired about the status of the Shake Alert integration. Bill and Tim provided good information that before the District can fully implement the Shake Alert system, there are a number of upgrades that need to be made and the District is working on them. This is something that is going to have to be worked on over a period of time and within available budgets. Commissioner Hilsen was satisfied with the responses and indicated that he just wants to make sure that the Shake Alert upgrades are something that you are focused on and that it is an essential part of your planned improvements for the future. Commissioner Hilsen was appreciative that staff was supportive of the technology.

11. Executive Session:

At 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Tracy called for an executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 5 minutes. Attorney Frimodt and the Commissioners then convened into executive session and the other participants in the meeting excused themselves from the meeting room. The executive meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m. No action was taken by the Board.

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

July 5th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
July 19th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
August 2nd, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
August 16th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

