



Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner's Meeting

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Commissioners:

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

Consulting Attorney:

Eric C. Frimodt

Consulting Engineers:

Ken Nilsen
Cameron Ochiltree

General Manager:

Ron Hall

August 16th, 2022

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Also in Attendance:

Stephen Lamphear.

3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

Added letter from WASWD in reference to the Retro Program

4. Written Communications:

Hall presented a letter from the Washington Association of Sewer & Water District announcing the largest refund to date for the Retro Program. There was a total of \$1,119,379.00 being distributed to the participating districts. Southwest Suburban Sewer District received a refund of \$56,972.86.

5. Public Comment:

No public comment.

6. Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the Minutes for the August 2nd, 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 22.00731 through 22.00783 in the total amount of \$553,181.51.
- 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:

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

Ken Nilsen reviewed PACE's status report on providing the District with information on the retrofit of existing lift stations #11 & #4, and that the contractor for the lift station #18 forcemain replacement should be ready to start in September.

Hall brought up for discussion his continued researched options for providing sewer service and potential funding options to Mr. Lamphear's property. Ken Nilsen reminded the Board of the "Lamphear Sewer Feasibility Study" and reviewed the three sewer service alternatives to provide service to Mr. Lamphear's property. The first alternative is to construct a lift station for the six homes. The second alternative is to install a gravity line down through the Salmon Creek Basin and tap into the existing trunk line. The third alternative is to install a private grinder pump system. Hall recommended the most feasible option for servicing Mr. Lamphear's property would be to install a private pump system on the property. Hall stated that staff is in the process of inspecting and evaluating the integrity of the neighbor's private pump discharge line in the right-of-way. If the pipe is in satisfactory condition, Hall also recommended contacting the neighbor about the District taking over ownership of the line and all responsibility for the maintenance of the discharge line. Hall stated that the line is sufficient size to provide sewer service for all six homes in the cul-de-sac. As far as seeking funding options, Hall was unable to find any type of funding options for this particular need. Having no imminent environmental impact, it is a private property issue, and the fact that sewer service is available, Hall was unable to find any grant funding assistance. Mr. Nilsen offered to assist by providing the District connection options for Mr. Lamphear and his neighbors. This action was approved by the Board of Commissioners. After District staff has had an opportunity to evaluate the neighbor's private pump system discharge line, review Mr. Nilsen's engineering recommendations, The Board will decide what type of sewer service extension this will be.

8. Manager's Comments or Reports:

Hall informed the Board that Katy Isaksen, of Katy Isaksen and Associates, will be retiring at the end of 2022. Hall stated that Ms. Isaksen will be missed and has been an exceptional consultant to the District.

9. Attorney's Comments and Reports:

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Attorney Frimodt reported on the status of the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit litigation matter which is currently on appeal before the Court of Appeals. Frimodt advised the Board that the Department of Ecology recently filed its opening appellate brief. The municipalities involved in the lawsuit (the District, Tacoma, Birch Bay Water & Sewer District, Kitsap County and Alderwood Water & Wastewater District) will need to file a response brief within 30 days of the filing of Ecology's opening brief. Frimodt reminded the Board that attorney James Tupper of Tupper Mack is representing the District and the other municipalities in this matter given the specialized nature of the case. A general discussion of the appeal process followed.

Frimodt also provide a status report to the Board regarding a non-conforming side sewer that was discovered on the beach. At some point in the past, a side sewer repair was performed using PVC materials rather than ductile iron which is a concern due to the location of the side sewer in a waterfront and beach environment. Frimodt advised the Board that he is working with District staff to ensure that the private side sewer is brought up to District standards by the property owners. Frimodt noted that the Department of Ecology is also tracking this matter.

10. Commissioner's Comments or Reports:

No Commissioner Comments or Reports.

11. Executive Session:

At 7:24 p.m. Commissioner Tracy called for an executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 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 7:37 p.m. No action was taken by the Board.

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

September 6th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
September 20th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
October 4th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.
October 18th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

