

# SACHEEN LAKE SEWER & WATER DISTRICT

Minutes: January 4, 2012

Location: Sacheen Fire Station

Commissioner Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the pledge. C/Pearman was in attendance as well as DM/ Pearman and Kevin Koesel of Sewell Engineering. C/Johnsen was absent.

- C/Pearman reviewed the meeting agenda. C/Garrett MM to move the Manger's report to after the guests presentation. Motion was seconded by C/Pearman and unanimously approved.

C/Pearman reviewed the project plan from design through operation as was shown at last month's meeting.

Kevin Koesel:

-Electrical service to the pumps was discussed. Found that the state will not allow multiple connections to a pump station with one homeowner paying for the electric. Looking at putting in stand alone meters, not attached to any home that multiple homes hook up to. The District would own those meters, pay the meter and electric costs and then pass those costs on to the homeowners with their M&O.

-The community meter would have separate switches for each home that is connected to it.

-By sending the electric service to a District meter, most homes will be able to free up one of the switches in their electric box.

-PUD cost for each meter is \$25 per month. Kevin suggests that we have discussion with PUD to see if the electrical cost could be included in the \$25.

-Investigations into sources for our match funding have found that both Rural Development and State Revolving Fund have more requirements or strings attached. These requirements would need to be met or known prior to going out to bid as they would be part of the bid documents that the contractors would use. Therefore the decision should be made as to where we intend to get our matching funds by the fall.

-Public Works is by far the cleanest and most front forward to work with. Their main stipulations are to meet state requirements such as prevailing wage, energy audit, and historical/cultural review.

-C/Pearman suggests that if we were going to get grants that it might make sense to go through the extra hoops required of SRF and RD, but since these are loan programs that it might be better to go the bond route and make it less cumbersome.

-By increasing our match for the PW loan to 10% and finishing in 36 months we can reduce our loan rate to ½ percent.

-No need to make decision tonight on match funding, but both C/Pearman and C/Garrett express they feel going to bond the better route.

-Still have not received access agreement from Stimson to begin survey work on the treatment site.

-Surveyors are presently working on trunk line surveying, and finding corners for property lines. They are trying to get as much work done as can before the snow flies.

-Trying to coordinate with County for Fertile Valley Road work.

-Looking at using LIDAR a type of aerial surveying to map the topography at the treatment site. The Board may want to consider having data for the areas outside of LID picked up for future phases. There would be additional cost at this point but more cost effective than re-mobilizing and coming back at another time. This technology allows for sighting through trees and canopy down to the ground.

- Have looked at 5 companies to perform the Hist/Cultural Review. Are getting input from the Tribe and other agency for approval of the one we want. Cannot complete the review until snow is off the property.
- Will begin wetlands delineation work to fine tune where boundaries and set backs will be in the spring when it is the wettest.
- DOE well logs show only 55 wells on record in the LID.
- Need to decide on a process or plan to check wells. May want to bring in a company to check with drawdowns/flows/quality. May be able to use flow test with bucket. Anything that is decided to do needs to be defensible in court, otherwise it serves no purpose.
- County currently regulates 2 of the 4 wetland classifications, but those regs are going to be changing with the County's new Critical Lands Ordinances.
- Presently working to determine accurately how much of the property is usable for land application taking setbacks into account. Will know better when the survey is completed.
- Kevin has worked up a summary of services that will accompany Sewell invoices. These will be used for reimbursement requests from PWTF.

C/Garrett MM to approve the minutes of December 7 with the correction of spelling. C/Pearman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

C/Garrett MM to approve the minutes of December 20. C/Pearman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

C/Garrett reviewed the action register generated from the Dec 7 meeting and updated.

C/Pearman presented suggestions for policies for District hours of operation and discharges into treatment system for discussion and review.

C/Pearman MM to approve Hours of Operation policy (GAP-PO5). The motion was seconded by C/Garrett and unanimously approved.

-After discussion it was felt that more follow up was needed for discharges to treatment.

#### MgS REPORT:

- Vouchers approved for payment totaled \$70,474.79.

12-01 Sewell Engineering \$70,474.79 for engineering services LID#3

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

-Addendum to the purchase and sale agreement with Stimson for time extension.

-Change of ownership notice from Woltering

-Pintar thank you note.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Don Hill presented Board with annual report for beaver mitigation.

11 trips were made downstream with 12 different volunteers for a total of 47 man hours.

Current lake level is 8.4 with the lowest level achieved being 8.15 just before the rains.

The watershed group has submitted a draft hydraulics permit for work downstream.

Stresses how the access agreement and cooperation with the Sterling/Johnsons has been beneficial for those working downstream.

-Bill Lands wants to suggest the District tighten up hook-up requirements re: RV parks vs residential use. The Lands are trying to get the county to change their comp plan and its definition of RV parks. Multiple RVs on multiple lots required to be an RV park and meet the same requirements as they do at Circle Moon  
Presently the regs only allow 2 RVs on each lot with septic system.

#### ACTION REGISTER REVIEW

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 1 at 7PM.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:32

Sheila Pearman  
District Manager