

SACHEEN LAKE SEWER & WATER DISTRICT

Minutes: February 1, 2012

Location: Sacheen Fire Station

Chairman Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Johnsen and Pearman were in attendance as well as DM/ Pearman. Kevin Koesel of Sewell Engineering was also in attendance.

- C/Pearman reviewed the evening's agenda.

C/Johnsen MM to approve the minutes of the January 4 meeting. C/Pearman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Kevin Koesel reviewed the design issue summary

-Sheila reported conversation with Doug Smith from Stimson. She will send Barry Dexter an update letter and reminder of need for access agreement.

- Investigation found that using a meter extender for connection to homes would be simpler and cheaper than a centralized meter. Checking with PUD and the State Electrical. These are used in the Midwest and other areas around the country. Cost is \$100-\$200 each. They bypass the fuse box and go directly into the meter.

-Project Funding-will continue to look into the bond market for the District's share of the project cost.

-Legal indicates that the District has no responsibility to test wells prior to construction. Our responsibility is to get as much information from the homeowner to avoid any services that are already in place.

-C/Pearman suggests that we conduct another public information meeting to update residents on the project progress. That would be a good time to outline to those who are concerned how to go about getting documentation on their wells prior to construction.

-The number of service area lots will not be resolved until the covenants and buys-ins from those outside the LID are complete, likely mid-summer.

-Archeological/Cultural Review which is required by the State will likely take place in March at earliest as the snow must be gone. Sewell has looked at five possible firms to use.

-Wetland delineation also needs to be free of snow as well as have the vegetation growing to take inventory. Will have a wetland biologist come inspect, dig test pits, look for vegetation changes. This information then goes to the Corps of Engineers for determination of boundaries.

-Treatment Cells are about the size of a football field while storage cells are about 300' by 600'. Storage cells go 10' into the ground as well as 8' dikes above. They run about 15' deep with 3' of freeboard.

-County Critical Area Ordinances: The County regulates type 1 & 2 area, but not types 3 & 4. Proposed new regulations which may be enacted as early as June have nearly twice the setbacks that are currently required. County suggests that we may want to include future phases into our permit request as the permit does not expire and will be based on the current regulations. This would cost the District approximately \$13,500 more in survey fees. Consensus was that we need to stick with LID #3 alone due to costs.

-There was discussion whether to include District areas outside the LID#3 boundary for LIDAR survey for future phases. Again, consensus was that due to cost limitations need to stick with LID#3 alone.

-Wash water for the treatment site can be obtained by enlarging one of the monitoring wells to get non-potable water. No real need for potable water at treatment site. C/Pearman presented

suggestion that the shop/office area for the District be separate from the treatment site...possibly on Fire District property. Could be a win-win for both departments. That facility would have restroom facility and potable water.

-C/Pearman and K. Koesel met with representatives from E-One Pumps. Suggestion of a meter extender was made for providing electrical service to homes. More encouraging was that the cost of the E-1's used for the estimate was much higher than the systems cost. (50-60% of what had thought.) Looking into the cost effectiveness of having individual pumps for each household.

-Recommendation is that the new pump be installed right next to the current septic tank and can then be switched over quickly, 2 hours to ½ day. Installation into current tanks would take longer and be a more involved coordination effort.

-Looking at cost savings for buying in bulk for delivery of possibly 50 at a time.

-The service core goes in and out as one unit. Suggest that we have 2 or 3 on the shelf. Turnaround time is 2-3 days.

-Service record for wear is about ten years with a warranty of 2 years.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- Two vouchers were presented and approved for payment totaling \$861.20 from the General Fund.

12-01 Sheila Pearman \$519.27

12-02 Pend Oreille County Auditor \$341.93

-One voucher was presented and approved for payment totaling \$53,403.01 for LID #3

LID#3-02 Sewell Engineering \$53,403.01

COMMUNICATIONS:

-Enduris Policy Year 2011 Annual Report

-Bureau of Labor Statistics

-Doug Smith from Stimson...still waiting on Stimson's attorney.

Policies & Procedures: List was developed but there is a question of accountability. Would like to include the list from the E-1 brochures in our policy. Will look at the "Commandments" from Diamond Lake and rework the policy for next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Jerry Johnsen hoped the Board was prepared for concerns of sharing electrical connection but it looks like the possibility of the meter extender could take care of that concern.

-Jill Short asks when the website will start showing updated District information.

ACTION REGISTER REVIEW

C/Pearman added that he has had conversation with Buck Cole from Diamond Lake S&W and he would be willing to help us set up as well as work under his operating permit.

C/Pearman asks that Boards permission to pursue the idea of office/service building for the District be erected on Fire District property possibly developing a sort of Municipal Center. The Board's consensus was to look into it.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 by C/Garrett.

Sheila Pearman
District Manager

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