

City of Depoe Bay- Gleneden Sanitary District Wastewater Advisory Committee
Regular Quarterly Meeting – Tuesday, February 10, 2009 – 4:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Pete Cameron, Carol Connors, Pete Erickson, Joe Whisler,
STAFF: Superintendents T. Owings and M. Snyder, Plant Operators D. Arnold, G. Walls,
City Recorder P. Murray

The meeting began at 4:03 PM.

Snyder provided an update on the Fogarty Creek pump station, the meter has been replaced and functioning since September 2007. Historically GSD share has been 60% and improvements have occurred over the years. GSD's discussion on flows v. EDU focuses on operating expenses, exclusive of capital improvements to the treatment plant for capacity.

Arnold and Walls reported the treatment plant is running fine, a controller failed during the January storm and 51,000 gallons was discharged, the spill was reported to DEQ. Sludge hauling is on schedule and work continues on de-watering to reduce the gallons hauled, storage limitations drive the hauling schedule. Experiencing ongoing problems with pumps at the harbor lift station, we now have a backup pump and the capability to pull the pump (a great improvement over previous procedures). The city may have an engineer assess the situation and define a resolution to the problem. Annual calibration of the flow meter at the treatment plant is nearly due, does GSD want to have their meter calibrated at the same time? Ray Southwell is used by both the city and GSD for this service. It was agreed it made sense to coordinate the meter calibrations.

Erickson said GSD wants to change from EDU counts to flows for operating cost share (GSD flow percent last fiscal year was 51%, EDU percent was 60%). Discussion followed regarding slowed development activity in both districts. Snyder and Owings reported ongoing efforts towards correcting I & I. Snyder noted a recent request from the city to increase GSD's monthly payment of \$10,000. Murray explained the request is an effort to keep up with expenses throughout the year and reduce the balance due at year end. Erickson and Whisler said that could be discussed at the GSD board meeting tomorrow.

Whisler said that as I & I are reduced, then flow share is reduced and he sees it a win-win situation. It was noted that paying on an EDU share basis, both districts are paying for homes where there is no use (vacant or vacation homes). It was also noted that the EDU basis ensures resources for maintaining the system. Discussion included costs of I & I improvements and costs of treating I & I flows. The contract provides for a review of EDU v. flow every five years and GSD is asking to change to flow for sharing of operational costs. Capital costs (debt service) would remain shared based on EDU counts. Owings offered to research what other entities use for cost basis and billing in similar type contracts. Under the current EDU share basis a GSD residential customer pays approximately \$175 per year (to Depoe Bay) for sewage transmission and treatment and debt service. Cameron noted the two entities have different philosophies. Erickson said that GSD invests in I & I and encourages using flows for cost sharing. Owings will conduct a survey on cost sharing basis' and billings and bring back his findings. It was agreed to meet again in the month of May.

The meeting ended at 5:09 PM.