

City of Depoe Bay- Gleneden Sanitary District Wastewater Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting – Monday, May 2, 2011 – 3:00 PM  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: John Bingham, Dorinda Goddard, Skip Hoytink, Ted Lewis, Joe Whisler  
STAFF: Superintendents T. Owings and M. Snyder, Plant Operators D. Arnold and  
G. Walls, City Recorder P. Murray  
OTHERS: Attorney Dennis Bartoldus (GSD), Rick Beasley

The meeting began at 3:05 PM.

The meeting opened with introductions of those present. New committee members are City Councilors Dorinda Goddard, Skip Hoytink and Ted Lewis. Dennis Bartoldus was introduced as staff person for Gleneden Sanitary District.

Walls provided a report on treatment plant operations, noting that the spring sludge haul is estimated at 350,000 gallons, the same as last year, has been delayed due to wet weather. Owings reported that the city has recently completed and submitted a mixing zone environmental study to DEQ as a part of the five year review of the outfall discharge permit. These studies typically are costly but the city (Owings) completed the study instead of hiring a consultant which saved a substantial amount of money. DEQ has accepted the study. Arnold reported that the PID was recently installed at the wastewater treatment plant, which causes a flow-evening effect reducing the impact of surges and electrical usage.

#### Contract – Monthly Payments, EDU/Flow Review

Lewis said on the matter of monthly payments, GSD should increase their payments to actual. Whisler said GSD wants to discuss using flows instead of EDUs as the basis of cost-sharing. Bingham said GSD would be willing to pay more per month if the city agrees to change to flow. Goddard feels these are separate issues. Whisler said the last time the flow v. EDU cost share was discussed there was no decision made, the matter was left open and GSD is waiting for the city's response. Bartoldus doesn't disagree with what the agreement says and he asked how costs are applied to the city's Sewer Fund and then to GSD. Murray explained that disbursements are assigned to each appropriate city fund, the total sewer fund disbursements are assigned to either "Depoe Bay Only" or to the "Sewer Pool" (costs shared by GSD), then GSD pays its' percent of that amount. Bartoldus referenced page 3-16 of the Wastewater Master Plan Update which provides Infiltration and Inflow (I & I) information, saying that Depoe Bay's I&I is greater than GSD's. Owings said every system experiences I&I and there are two accepted approaches to dealing with it, either correcting I&I in the collection system or increasing treatment capacity. Bartoldus said information is needed on rates in order to work toward resolution, GSD is looking at revising the contract. Goddard noted that Mr. Bartoldus is an expensive staff person, she would like to discuss these matters with GSD, not attorneys. Bartoldus replied that he would be happy to leave the meeting, but advised that communication is needed.

Owings referred to Mr. Bartoldus' letter (copy attached) asking what alternatives GSD is looking at. Bingham said possibly building their own treatment plant in the future. Goddard asked if GSD has conducted a cost comparison study for this alternative. Whisler said the flow v. EDU subject has been in review for years, GSD has never gotten an answer from the city. GSD was pressured into EDUs and added a five-year review clause in the agreement to enable discussing going back to flow. Owings referred to the Wastewater Master Plan page 2-7 which supports the use of EDU particularly in tourism-driven economies where the facilities serve not only year round residents, but the part-time demands of tourists. Snyder said that annual meter calibrations will occur at the same time in the future at the Fogarty Creek station and the wastewater treatment plant. Bingham asked if GSD is staying within flows per the agreement (400,000 gallons per day (gpd) average, 800,000 gpd peak flow). Arnold reported that GSD flows in the summer average 200,000 gpd, during a heavy rain event earlier this year GSD's peak was 1,100,000 gpd. Goddard asked if GSD is giving the city the five year termination of agreement notice. Whisler responded no.

#### Wastewater Master Plan Update

Snyder said GSD engineer Wen Jou, ACE Consultants, had reviewed the Master Plan Update (a copy of Mr. Jou's April 13, 2010 memorandum was provided to city representatives at the April 13, 2011 GSD Board meeting). He added that GSD was surprised at the plan's proposed improvements and the immediacy of those improvements. Whisler said the GSD Board has purposely held off on improvements due to the economy. Owings has provided Mr. Jou's memorandum to HBH Engineering for review and comment, he stressed the need to work together.

Everyone agreed to begin quarterly committee meetings in July. Bingham said he will move to increase monthly payment amounts at the next GSD Board meeting. Lewis said the City Council can discuss the flow v. EDU issue. Brief discussion ensued including the following comments: the city carries liability and responsibility and there is value in responsibility, GSD would share in paying any fine assessed, using flow creates an incentive to address I&I, per the agreement "shared facilities" begin at manhole 16 which is above Fogarty Creek about a mile north of Depoe Bay city limits (Owings recommends this be changed since nearly 100% of that mile of line is GSD's responsibility), section 7 of the agreement relates to amendments (Bartoldus advised amendments can occur without attorneys), the committee should conduct a full review of the agreement, HBH Engineering's comments will be provided to GSD, invite the engineers (Jou and HBH) to attend a meeting.

It was suggested to set quarterly meetings for the first Monday of each quarter unless that Monday falls on a holiday. Quarters beginning with months of July, October, January and April. It was agreed to meet on Monday July 11, 2011.

There being no further business, meeting ended at 4:20 PM.