

City of Depoe Bay- Gleneden Sanitary District Wastewater Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 1, 2012 – 4:00 PM  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Brad Baines, Pete Erickson, Skip Hoytink, Ted Lewis  
ABSENT: Dorinda Goddard, Jack Chiavario  
STAFF: Plant Operator G. Walls, City Recorder P. Murray

The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

Debt Refinancing Murray reported that the city has proceeded with refinancing all debt issues for water and sewer improvements. The closing date is Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Savings to the sewer portion is estimated at \$396,620 over the term of the loan. The loan term is unchanged and the debt is retired in 2024. Annual principal and interest payments will continue to be due December 1 of each year, with the annual payments reduced by \$30,000 to \$33,000 each year as a result of the refinancing and reduced interest rate. Once finalized, Murray will provide the new amortization schedule to the Gleneden office.

Operations Report Walls reported that 264,000 gallons of sludge was hauled last month and a cost of under \$18,000. The haul went well. The last stage of automating the blower system at the treatment plant is completed. The new SCADA system helps to keep the dissolved oxygen levels consistent which will result in savings on electricity due to less blower run time. Dry weather flows make it difficult to run the treatment plant. With no rain to provide hydraulics the fluctuations are greater (weekends v. weekdays) when more people are using the system. While challenging, the plant is in permit (rain would help). Smoke testing started today and will continue through Wednesday, with all parts of the city being tested. Lewis asked if the new manhole devices have been installed to help alleviate inflow. Walls said that 15 have been installed and more are ordered. He will be taking his test for Level 3 Wastewater certification next week Tuesday in Portland.

Erickson reported that a new pump has been installed at the Coronado Shores lift station. Baines said GSD has been changing out hard starts for soft starts at the lift stations throughout the collection system. Walls noted that he has a backup pump at the plant. Baines reported that GSD has three backup pumps on hand.

Walls reported that he has been experimenting with a new de-greasing agent in the system and has found it to be very effective. It breaks down the grease so the bacteria can digest it. It comes in brick form, which is easy to place and is much less messy and time consuming than using lime. This new agent also works better than lime since lime only emulsifies the grease and it then moves through the system to another location. The running trial will continue for another couple weeks, then he'll let Mark know of the results.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4:23 p.m.

Pery Murray, City Recorder