

City of Depoe Bay – Gleneden Sanitary District Wastewater Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – Monday, July 15, 2013 – 4:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Brad Baines, Pete Erickson, Mark Snyder, A.J. Mattila, Skip Hoitink
STAFF: Plant Operator G. Walls, Recording Secretary E. LuMaye

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 4:04 PM.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Operations Report
- State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Permit – Level II vs. Level III

Walls reported that DEQ has agreed to return the Wastewater Treatment Plant to its Level II rating, and the review should be done by the first of next month. He said he's leaving in September, and another operator will need to be hired; he assumes the operator will be Level II, but only one Level II operator is necessary, as a Level I operator can work under the supervision of a Level II operator. He said an ad has just gone out for a Water Treatment Plant operator, and some of the applicants have Level I certification in both water and wastewater.

Snyder reported he and Walls talked about cleaning out the line from manhole 16 down through Boiler Bay Park. This area of the line has never been cleaned. Walls suggested scheduling this kind of activity earlier in the season because it takes a week for the system to recover. It was also noted that in gravity mains, areas can get stagnant and septic, and when these areas get stirred up, it creates problems for the plant. Walls suggested doing line cleaning after Labor Day but before the rains come. He also suggested sending a camera down the line to see how bad it is. The job is expected to take about five days. There was discussion about where the line is located along Hwy 101, and how the cleaning works. It was mentioned that Fogarty Creek pays for services, and their poo goes into a well and gets pumped up the hill. Erickson said they've been discussing raising their sanitary rates, which haven't changed since about 2002. There was brief discussion about Depoe Bay rates, which had not been raised for about 12 years before an increase schedule was implemented a couple of years ago. Walls also reported the fall sludge haul is expected to take place on the 8th or 9th of September. He mentioned that the hauler, Zwald Transport, had a recent death in the family and is currently on break. The disposal location, which is near Moonshine Park, has an area which abuts the river, and DEQ received a lot of complaints, so Walls is more than careful about how the sludge is spread. He said his departure date was set so he can get the hauling done before he leaves, because he takes this seriously; it's a big job and he wants it done right. He said the plant is running in summertime mode, with heavy solids. The tanks are filled to capacity during the three-months of summer. He also discussed the problems associated with heavy rainfall in winter months.

Snyder asked if activity is expected at the north end of town. Mayor Mattila said it's active. Hoitink said Lillian Lane has to be widened so Oksenholt can access the land. The City doesn't know what their plans are after that. The road will be widened to 30 feet plus a five-foot utility easement on each side of the street.

Hoitink asked how to get financing for improving the sewer system; Walls responded that grants are applied for. Baines said these meetings are to share ideas, and if we can help each other save money, it helps both parties. Erickson asked about smoke testing results; Walls said there were a lot of illegal tie-ins found, and 36 clean-out caps. There was brief general discussion about the area. Erickson said everything's fine on their end.

III. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4:43 PM.

Emma LuMaye
Recording Secretary