

City of Depoe Bay- Gleneden Sanitary District Wastewater Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 28, 2016 – 4:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Phil Jensen, A.J. Mattila, Kent Stevens, Gary Wakeman, Jeff Wiseman
ABSENT: Jerome Grant
STAFF: District Superintendent M. Bauman, WWTP Operator G. Walls, City Recorder
P. Murray, City Superintendent B. Weidner (arrived 4:20 pm)

Mattila called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Introduction of New Members: Everyone introduced themselves. Jensen is now Chair of the Gleneden Sanitary District (GSD) Board. Mark Snyder has retired and Mike Bauman is now in his job position.

Contract Review – Proposed Changes

Walls provided two handouts (copies attached to the original of these minutes) - a memo by R.E. Pailthorp dated 1/30/2016 and a packet which includes a copy of Brad Baines' comments on the Agreement titled "Joint Partnership Agreement", date stamped May 26, 2015 (2 pages) and a copy of the December 31, 1998 Agreement with City Staff notes (hi-lited & red font) from May 11, 2015.

Walls provided information relating to sludge, now called bio-solids, land application procedures and regulations, sludge hauls, the difference between flow vs. solids and impacts to the treatment process. Stevens said that stormwater is a problem. Wiseman referred to Baines' wording "Joint Partnership Agreement", saying he sees the Agreement as a user agreement, not a partnership, he suggests striking "Joint Partnership". Wakeman said that Mr. Baines assumed the District has ownership where there is none. Jensen said he is not an attorney, nor can he speak to Mr. Baines' enthusiasm, but GSD does pay a portion of costs.

Discussion ensued on costs and cost sharing of future upgrades, what triggers the need for upgrades, timing of discussions in preparation of actual construction. Weidner and Walls identified the most imminent need is upgrades to pump stations and lines since overflows are occurring more often. Weidner noted that the city's annual report to DEQ includes reporting I & I mitigation efforts by both GSD and the city, both districts should aggressively address I & I to mitigate storm water entering the sanitary sewer system or DEQ will force the Master Plan project at \$7.2 million. Bauman reported that GSD's mitigation efforts are ongoing. Walls suggested that cutting I & I by 25% in the next five years would postpone upgrade to the treatment plant for a time. He added that three overflows in a month triggers DEQ review which could result in fines being levied.

Jensen referred to the Agreement documents, noting that in section A, Baines had removed the 400,000 gpd and the 800,000 gpd peak flow numbers and City Staff suggests leaving the numbers in. Walls explained that those numbers are based on the capacity of the system, the intent is that the city have capacity for future growth. Size upgrades to transmission lines would be needed before GSD's maximum allowed flows could be increased, the Treatment Plant's capacity is 3.8 million gallons. Mattila suggested that the focus needs to be on fixing I & I problems. Walls and Bauman said that I & I repair is ongoing and never-ending.

Jensen referred to City Staff's comment on item 6, page 4, asking what the reasoning is that a percent of GSD's SDC revenue be paid to the city. Mattila suggested that question be brought back to another meeting for further discussion and he added that he appreciated the comradery during today's meeting.

Jensen observed that he feels GSD can't afford to build its own treatment plant, not to mention find a place to put one. He noted that the District is looking at funding to upgrade lift stations. Discussion followed on costs of upgrades, improvements in the Master Plan, inflation, funding opportunities and resources. Weidner noted that the Vista Force Main Project went well. Walls said that with the increased pipe size now only have to run one pump, before had to run both, and variable speed pumps were just added to stabilize flows. Weidner said the sludge hauling went well. Walls agreed saying the contractor is great.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Pery Murray, City Recorder