

City of Depoe Bay- Gleneden Sanitary District Wastewater Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – Thursday, October 20, 2016 – 4:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Jerome Grant (arr 4:03 pm), Phil Jensen, A.J. Mattila, Kent Stevens,
Gary Wakeman, Jeff Wiseman
STAFF: Attorney Dennis Bartoldus (GSD), Attorney Pete Gintner (City), District
Superintendent M. Bauman, WWTP Operator G. Walls, City Recorder
P. Murray, City Superintendent B. Weidner, Operator P. Carver (arr 4:08 pm)

Mattila called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., announcing that this is one of the most historic meetings for a long time and he hopes it is productive. Advisory Committee members introduced themselves.

Gleneden Sanitary District (GSD) & City of Depoe Bay Agreement

Mattila asked Gintner to start the discussion. Gintner reported that he and Bartoldus met yesterday, they discussed the five year termination notice, the City Council's concerns relating to future projects coming and the inability to discuss peaceably to enable moving forward to make the projects succeed, in the future both parties working together or working separately, having a parting of the ways. Bartoldus reported that GSD is discussing their own treatment facility, or a regional authority, DEQ's input and influence on local decisions. In the past discussions have been focused on the Agreement, both parties need to broaden their horizons, look at all possible options including separate treatment plants, a larger regional authority, cost share based on sewage flows, determining where both parties are going in the future. Gintner acknowledged the city may have to go on its own in the future, GSD may be looking at its own treatment plant, but those involved don't need to be argumentative, attorneys can and will propose ideas and solutions.

Jensen said this 10-15 year outlook needs to be addressed. He understands that the treatment plant can handle twice what the current flow is, there will be growth in both districts, he believes the city will experience much more growth than the district will, engineering is needed to determine who pays for what part improvements. Gintner advised that expert help is needed, whether a consulting or engineering firm. Mattila said that Depoe Bay has a monumental task ahead in the next few years, the city is looking at any plans for expansion and will handle its own growth impacts which has nothing to do with GSD. Gintner said it sounds like GSD thinks the district will be responsible for growth that occurs in Depoe Bay which is not the case.

Bartoldus said that DEQ needs to be contacted, research conducted and information gathered to identify viable options. Gintner said that when it comes time to spend \$20 million on improvements everyone will need to know what their share is, engineering will be needed to find out cost shares.

Walls advised action is needed now on correcting Inflow & Infiltration (I & I) in both districts' sewer lines. He suggests that spending \$2 - \$3 million on I & I will delay the need to increase capacity at a higher price tag \$10 - \$20 million. Wiseman referred to the month of October Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) noting that it reflects rainfall impacts to sewer flows. Discussion ensued on costs of correcting I & I which is ongoing, costs of increasing capacity of transmission lines, pump stations and the treatment plant; impact of rainfall on treatment costs; during high flows the treatment plant is at 70% capacity; the treatment plant flow capacity is 3.6 million gpd; the % of increase to flows during a heavy rain event (rainy day v. non-rainy day

flow); the impacts at the Harbor Lift Station; measures taken during heavy rain events to control-spill sewage into the ocean (at Vista Lift Station) to avoid sewage spills into the harbor; these controlled spills have only been necessary during heavy rain events, not during peak summer season use. Stevens said the GSD Board has asked Bauman to provide monthly reports on progress made with I & I repairs in the district's system. Discussion followed on possible funding opportunities for I & I work; and different methods of repair such as slip-lining piping, replacing piping; DEQ's stance on I & I; setting goals and benchmarks for work on I & I ; sharing costs on a flow basis to act as an incentive to do I & I work. Bartoldus said that GSD just met with DEQ in July to discuss funding options for system improvements. Mattila said that both parties need to focus on what it is going to take to satisfy the costs. Grant would like to investigate cost sharing based on flows, it being a matter of coming up with a number that will be satisfactory to both parties. Jensen asked if the cost share would be a % of flow, or a per gallon cost. Gintner sees it being a per gallon cost, which will require expert help to define what that would be. Bartoldus said there could be an annual adjustment based on flow with an annual reconciliation like what is done now. Discussion following included the need to deal with sewage transmission issues before upgrading the treatment plant; focus on the next 5 – 10 years possible solutions including correcting I & I ; set a rate that is equitable for the next 5 years; deal with professional consultants to determine requirements and finances; locating I & I issues by testing and tv-ing lines, then identify costs of repairs needed and come up with a financing plan.

Matilla suggested the City and GSD attorneys get together next week after everyone has had a chance to look at costs. It was agreed that each party will meet next week with their respective attorney. Depoe Bay will meet on Tuesday, October 25th at 5:00 pm, GSD will meet on Wednesday. Following those meetings Superintendents Bauman and Weidner will coordinate the next Wastewater Advisory Committee (WWAC) meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm

Pery Murray, City Recorder