

SunLand Water District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 13, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Pepper Putnam, President. Present were Albert Friess, Jim Larison, Mike Langley and Celeste Lilley.
- II. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as written.
- III. The financial report was approved. There was discussion about whether the lab techs were getting bids for price comparison of chemicals. Mr. Langley stated that SWD was sharing trucking costs with Sequim for its sodium hypochlorite purchases. Office supplies are over budget due to the purchase of meter reading software and equipment.

Mr. Putnam asked that a binder be put together with budget line items and details of what each line item consists of. He would like an estimate of how much SWD will have in reserves at the end of the year. There is still an outstanding debt of \$63,589.10 to Ceccant, Inc. for the retainage on their contract, and will be until L&I completes an audit. There is also a dispute over the balance SWD should pay BHC Consultants due to the submersible aerators that were recommended in their specifications that would not mix properly. The ball is in BHC's court to negotiate with WRL, the company who supplied the aerators.

- IV. Manager's report: The Manager's Report was reviewed and will be appended to these minutes.

A meeting with L&I was upcoming to discuss whether Willy Burbank will be released back to work.

Mr. Larison asked about whether the inflow to the new digester could eventually damage the liner. Extending the pipe could reduce some of the stress on the liner.

The amortization schedule received from PWTF for the new loan was incorrect. The principle and interest payments have been corrected.

- V. Old Business: The budget should be finalized by the November 10th meeting. An employee wage increase was discussed. It was determined that since there will be no increase in rates, a wage increase was justified. SWD wants to stay competitive with Sequim and Port Angeles.

Mr. Putnam suggested that Mr. Langley approach Peter Taylor again with a counter-offer to purchase the spray field property. Mr. Taylor came up with a price of \$400,000, but the assessor values it at \$185,000.

Plans have been done for a round-about at Sequim-Dungeness Road and Woodcock Road, but funding has not been appropriated.

It was noted that when the county re-paved Taylor Boulevard, they covered up the sewer manholes.

- VI. Checks and Vouchers were approved by signature.
- VII. New Business:
There was discussion about scheduling a public forum, possibly two, in May.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert Friess, Secretary