

Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Pepper Putnam, President. In attendance were Albert Friess, Jim Larison, Mike Langley and Celeste Lilley. Guests in attendance: Jim Gross of BHC Consultants and David Jelin, of SunLand Division 17.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

- I. Jim Gross summarized the progress of the facultative lagoon biosolids removal and disposal project. One bid was received from Fire Mountain Farms (FMF). FMF suggested that if they were to delay the project until April 1st, they could do it for a lesser amount. The commissioners awarded the contract in December with the stipulation that, should FMF reduce the bid by a substantial amount, an April 1st start date would be acceptable.

FMF also suggested that should they leave the liner and ballast on the property for later disposal, this would lower the cost. They submitted a revised bid amount of \$189,691.85, nearly \$90,000 less than the original bid.

Mr. Larison made a motion to award the contract per their letter of December 20, 2013. The motion was seconded and carried. BHC will issue a Notice to Proceed promptly.

Mr. Gross then discussed a proposed Amendment #2 to the contract between SWD and BHC. It was determined that manual operation of the improvements to the pre-equalization basin would be complicated, and that automation of the components was in order. It was also determined that it would be more appropriate for the engineer to do the programming and testing of the new equipment, rather than leaving it for a future contractor. The change order called for an additional \$50,790.00 in engineering costs. The amendment was approved by the commissioners and will be signed by Mike Langley.

The 100% design drawings will be delivered to SWD and sent to the Department of Ecology by the end of January. DOE has 35 working days to review them. FMF can begin some of the initial biosolids testing in the mean time.

In an unrelated conversation, Mr. Larison asked Mr. Gross of his opinion about asking the Department of Health for an extension of the deadline to install meters. Mr. Gross stated that SWD might suggest a gradual plan and the financial reasons behind

its request. A letter will be sent to DOH attention Virpi Salo-Zieman, the regional engineer.

II. Celeste presented a financial report as of December 31, 2013, and stated that the 13th month expense deadline was January 15th. She will have a final year-end report next month.

III. Mike Langley gave the manager's report which will be appended to these minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Putnam signed the annual biosolids report to the Department of Ecology.

B. There was discussion about health care reform and a possible "Cadillac Tax" on employers who offer premium health insurance for their employees. Celeste stated that the tax, if imposed, was scheduled to begin in 2018, but had met with substantial opposition.

C. Mr. Langley will send a request for information about capability, cost, life span, data, billing, and software to meter suppliers. SWD hopes to have presentations by several suppliers in the near future.

V. NEW BUSINESS

David Jelin stated that there had been an audible alarm at the treatment plant the previous week. Mike will look into it. He also would like to find out just what noises or alarms the community can expect to hear from the upcoming construction project.

VI. Checks and vouchers for year end 2013 were not yet available for signature, but would be by the January 15th deadline.

VII. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Albert Friess, Secretary