

WATER DISTRICT 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Thursday, October 13, 2015

REGULAR MEETING
4:00 PM

Meeting came to order at 4:02 PM

A Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held in the District Board room. Those in attendance were President **Richard Bard**, Commissioners **Bob Powell** and **Jenny Bell**, Operations Lead **Armin Wahanik** and Office Administrator **Melody Snyder**. General Manager **Jeff Lakin** was out on vacation. Visitor present was Tim Bauer

1. VISITOR BUSINESS

- Tim Bauer was in attendance to state his opinion about drawing water out of the aquifer and the waiting list but he was not clear on the district's policy. **Commissioner Bard** responded to the question stating the District is proceeding with releasing units at a cautious level. **Commissioner Powell** responded citing 30% conservation measures, a steeper tiered rate structure. The district has no intent to release units to all the waiting list individuals. Being conservative and are looking at long term affects to the aquifer and a strong belief in doing what we can to help the community and work to realize the town plan with low impact development. **Commissioner Bell** supports a net zero water release.

2. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Approval of minutes – Thursday, September 17, 2015 – **Commissioner Powell** made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Bell** seconded the motion. Motion passed
- Out of boundary service query by Heights Water Association re: Seago – **Commissioners Powell** and **Bard** felt the information provided was vague and did not address who pays. The Board tabled the discussion for next month's meeting.
- Draft Commercial Connection Policy revision – After a brief discussion on the subject; **the Board** agreed that they are not interested in changing current policy.
- Release of additional water units – **Commissioner Bard** in favor of releasing 10% new water units to the waiting list applicants. **Commissioner Bell** against releasing any units; feels the District's focus should be on sustainability. A motion was made by **Commissioner Bell** to wait until May 2016 before releasing any new water units. Motion failed. **Commissioner Powell** would like to discuss this again at the November 10 meeting.
- Awareness raising – usage – **Commissioner Bell** suggested the District provide more information to the public on their water consumption. Generalization in terms that does not identify who the high users are but group them in as residential, commercial, industrial etc. Also suggested hiring a consultant that could assist with water conservation measures for the higher tiered water users and also for the District in finding opportunities to provide conservation incentives as our rebates have pretty much languished.
- Drought response plan – **Operations Lead Wahanik** requested clarification on what work to undertake with the drought response plan/emergency response.
- Comp Plan Policy Statement revisions – after a brief discussion **Commissioner Bell** committed to draft some revisions by December focusing on sustainability. **Commissioner Bard** reminded the group that the District will be working on the comp plan real soon.
- Obstructions in the system for fish – fish survey. A motion was made by **Commissioner Bell** to hire Jamie Glasgow/Wild Fish Conservancy to provide a proposal to evaluate the district's watersheds for \$2300.00. Motion failed. **Commissioner Bard** suggested

consulting with Robert Fuerstenberg who would possibly volunteer his time. **Commissioner Powell and Bell** agreed. **Commissioner Powell** to set up a meeting with him.

3. **OPERATIONS REPORT**

- Fire hydrants on SW 206th Ct. – All hydrants are repaired and functioning.

4. **ADMINISTRATION REPORT** – **General Manager Lakin** provided a written report since he was unable to attend the meeting (attached).

Additional items:

- Website revisions update – Frederick Granado with Integrity Information Services will be back on the Island next week to work on the Website revisions.
- DOH Program – DBP study – **Operations Lead Wahanik** has taken the lead and requested Jolynn Leslie from DOH to proceed – the Board is all in favor.
- Annual State Audit – **Office Administrator Snyder** announced that the District's three year audit is scheduled to begin Monday, October 26th and the auditor has requested to meet with one board member. **Commissioner Powell** has offered to meet with her.

1. Next month's agenda items: Start meeting with a Conservation Consultant
2. December: clarify District vision

5. **SIGN APPROVED MINUTES IN BOOK**

Meeting concluded at 6:30 PM

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Comp Plan revision

We're still waiting for the final contract document from Gray & Osborne to review and approve.

LS Cedar Developer Extension

The King County Fire Marshall's Office contacted our office to inform us they believe some unpermitted work has occurred on their property, probably including the developer extension agreed to some five years ago by the District. Further investigation is forthcoming and the Fire Marshall will most likely order the water main to be completely excavated to enable their office and the District the opportunity to inspect it and order corrections as appropriate.

Morgan Hill & Vashon Meadows studies by RH2

Work is continuing following feedback to them by the District and forwarding of the latest hydraulic model from PACE.

S&B work for Morgan Hill integration

Verizon authorized to enable secure tunnel communications. Modems are on order. Integration engineering complete and hardware is procured.

Ridge Rd. Main Replacement

Iversen & Sons mobilized October 12. Construction beginning October 13.

Well 1 Redevelopment

Water Recovery Services will potentially mobilize the week of October 26.