

WATER DISTRICT 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Meeting was conducted by ZOOM Conferencing

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM

Board President Bob Powell called the Regular Meeting of the Water District 19 Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 PM. Those also in attendance were **Commissioners Seth Zuckerman** and **Mike Weller**, **General Manager Jim McRae**, **Operations Lead James Rossi** and **Office Administrator Melody Snyder**. Visitors present were Sarah Kassik and Shelby Middling.

• **VISITOR BUSINESS**

- Sarah Eden – Re: Tiny Homes – did not attend
- Shelby Middling wondered when the district will have the pressure tank ready for hook-up on Bank Road. **Operations Lead Rossi** anticipates somewhere in the next 6-18-weeks as there have been a lot of delays in receiving materials needed to complete the project.

• **BOARD – ACTION REQUIRED**

- Approve minutes from Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 Regular Meeting – **Commissioner Powell** made a Motion to approve the minutes as amended; **Commissioner Zuckerman** seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- Review & approve Chapters 8 & 9 of the Comprehensive Plan - The Board had not received a copy of Chapter 8 to review prior to this board meeting so approval was not possible. Discussion occurred on setting a date to revise the numbers for Chapter 8 of the plan and what needs to be accomplished before setting a date for the public to review. **General Manager McRae** reminded the Board that Warren Perkins of Gray & Osborne is retiring at the end of March and possibly will not be available to answer public comments. **General Manager McRae** is confident that his associate, Keri Sidebottom, will be able to continue working with the District moving forward. The Board asked **General Manager McRae** to have a draft plan ready of Chapter 8 by March 19th for the Board to review. Chapter 9 is basically done, except for any changes to capital improvement projects.
- Confirm Open Public March 23 for the Water System Plan – The Board determined that the data is not ready for the public to review so the March 23rd meeting will be a Special Meeting for the Board to review Chapter 8. The Board will review the draft as a group and will set a date for the Water System Plan Special Meeting at that time.

• **BOARD – DISCUSSION/TABLE/MORE INFORMATION**

- CWA request for tiny houses – A current customer of the District raised the question in an email about allowing tiny houses on her 4-acre parcel. **Commissioner Powell** commented that the Board would need time to check out how the district could incorporate tiny houses into our ERU planning figures. The Board determined that it's best to stay within the district's Master Resolution that represents the .75 multifamily dwelling and or mobile home situated in a mobile home park housing. This will be used currently since there is no existing policy for tiny homes.
- Update on the requirement that operators must be on-island when On-Call – New policy has been written which assures that all water system operators must be on the Island while on call. All operators have signed the agreement.

- Current Capital Improvement Projects update – Main replacement construction costs for 107th and 115th Ave SW have exceeded original budget projections of \$25,000 and \$55,000 respectively. Expenditures to date for the two projects combined now total over \$332,000.00 and are projected to reach \$360,000. All service connections have been completed and connected to the new 8” water main. However, a portion of the line on 107th Avenue has not yet passed its pressure test.
- Update on Needle Creek SMA request – **Operations Lead Rossi** and **General Manager McRae** met with Jim Dam about the District managing their system and determined that the district doesn’t have the resources to do so. **General Manager McRae** relayed that information to Jim Dam on Tuesday.
- Micro Plastics – **Commissioner Zuckerman** relayed a question from a constituent on the subject of micro plastics and wondered if the district monitors for micro plastics. **Operations Lead Rossi** said that we do not monitor on a regulatory level. Since our major water source comes from the aquifer, the possibility is low, and our surface water would be limited as it is not exposed to high volumes of plastic. **Commissioner Weller** is interested in knowing if our water testing company can do that test.
- Madrona Cove – An Attorney representing the Madrona Cove Water System sent an email to **General Manager McRae** to suggest some amendments to the SMA. He responded that the district negotiated the agreement in good faith and that the district has no interest in making further changes.
- **Commissioner Zuckerman** noted that **Operator Jeff Roeser** passed his WPTO2 – Water Treatment Plant Operator 2 Certification of Competency in February and wanted to pass on to him the Board’s acknowledgement of his achievement. **Commissioner Weller** seconded the acknowledgment. All approved. Congratulations Jeff!

• **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

- General Manager’s report
- Financial report through February 2021
- Production report through February 2021

Commissioner Powell made a Motion to conclude the meeting at 7:45 PM; **Commissioner Weller** seconded. Motion passed unanimously.