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AMENDED MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
RONALD WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
JANUARY 24, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Ronald Wastewater District was convened at the District office at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 by Board Vice President Wadekamper. In attendance were Commissioners Arthur Wadekamper and Robert Ransom. Commissioner Carroll was not present and had requested an excused absence. Commissioners Wadekamper and Ransom concurred that the absence was excused. Also present were Michael Derrick, District General Manager, and Joseph Bennett, District counsel. Members of the public present were Ron Ricker and John Norris of the City of Shoreline. Majid Dorriz arrived at 5:45 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Additions/Adjustments to Agenda?

None.

Handouts

None.

Minutes of January 10, 2012/Report on Problems with Verizon System. Mr. Derrick explained that the minutes were not available because of a malfunction in the District's Verizon telephone/internet service for the past week. The District has been unable to access e-mail in that period. Resumption of service has been delayed because Verizon contracted with Frontier to service any telephone/internet connections. He expects that phone and internet service will be re-established this week. In the meantime, District staff is using cell phones to communicate. In response to a question from Commissioner Ransom, Mr. Derrick stated that he will re-evaluate the division of labor between Verizon and Frontier and report back on how this can be avoided in the future. Commissioner Ransom asked that Mr. Derrick consider reporting this to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

1. Vouchers. Mr. Derrick shared his draft press release relating to the District's paying off of the PWTF loans. Commissioner Ransom suggested the press release include an explanation of what work the loans funded. Mr. Derrick presented and the Board discussed Vouchers in the aggregate amount of \$1,812,788.23 broken down as follows: (a) AP Vouchers #0120047 through #0120091 in the amount of \$1,769,217.05; (b) ACH Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$27,095.94; (c) Payroll taxes of \$9,205.24; and (d) Excise Taxes of

\$7,270.00. Upon a motion by Commissioner Ransom, and second by Commissioner Wadekamper, the Board approved all of the Vouchers presented by a vote of 2-0.

2. Journal Adjustments. Mr. Derrick presented the proposed Journal Adjustments of -(\$1,424.00) for November of 2011. Upon motion by Commissioner Ransom, and second by Commissioner Wadekamper, the Board voted 2-0 to approve the Journal Adjustments in the amount of -(\$1,424.00). The Commissioners then initialed the adjustments.

3. Financial Report. Mr. Derrick distributed a balance sheet summary as of November 30, 2011, and revenue and expense report summaries. He also distributed a copy of the King County Investment Pool report. Commissioner Ransom asked about the types of investments. Mr. Derrick replied that the King County Investment Pool controls the selection of investments with limited input from pool members. Mr. Bennett explained that because King County is the District's treasurer, the District must invest in the King County Investment Pool.

4. Bankruptcy and Collections Report. Mr. Bennett reported that since his last report, gross collections were \$8,301.18 and the net to the District was \$5,974.47. Since his last report, six accounts were fully paid and partial payment was received on four other accounts.

5. Springbrook Software Upgrade Needed. Mr. Derrick explained that an upgrade is needed to the accounting/billing software to be compatible with Windows 7. The estimated cost of the upgrade is \$40,000.00. The original software was purchased in 2004 and it may not make sense to tweak the old system. He will present a more detailed report and a recommendation at the Board meeting of February 21.

#### LEGAL REPORT

None.

#### MAINTENANCE REPORT

None.

#### PERSONNEL

None.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Wadekamper reported on yesterday's WASWD Board meeting. He reported that Commissioner Ron Ricker of Shoreline Water District was elected to an open Board position. Commissioner Ransom reported that he will attend the MWPAAC meeting on January 25 and the WEF conference in St. Louis on June 3.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Derrick reported he will attend the WEF conference in Miami from January 30 through February 2.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Majid Dorriz stated that the District spent too much on the garage. He offered to reduce the District fee from \$94.50 to \$70.00, but said no one took him up on the offer. He stated that the District's attorney makes too much money on collection matters. He stated that the District does not listen and does not know how to spend money. He stated that the General Manager does not listen and won't "dance" with him. Commissioner Ransom took issue with Mr. Dorriz's comments. In particular, the proposal to reduce the bi-monthly sewer charge to \$70.00 is impossible because it is less than the mandatory treatment charges from King County. He suggested that Mr. Dorriz submit any other comments in writing. Mr. Derrick offered to meet with Mr. Dorriz and discuss any recommendations he had.

**CITY REPORT**

Mr. Derrick reported on the recent City Council meeting and retreats. He stated that there is a lot of confusion with respect to the proposed purchase price for the SPU water system. He thinks the District should take the high road in its dealings with the City and the community. He thinks the District should be accurate and not confuse the public with inaccurate numbers and information. Commissioner Wadekamper stated that the District has always taken the high road. Mr. Derrick encouraged the Commissioners to ask tough questions of staff. Commissioner Ransom stated that he spoke at the City Council meeting as a former City Councilmember. He is intrigued by the SPU analysis that shows absurdly high "lost income" revenue. Mr. Derrick stated that the City may be too willing a buyer. He hopes that the City of Shoreline will support the District and Shoreline Water District in their merger discussions. Commissioner Ransom's opinion was that residents would be better off if they got out from under over-priced utilities such as SPU for water and King County for sewer treatment and conveyance. Mr. Derrick replied that the District is analyzing the possible value of the King County's west side conveyance system.


**TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

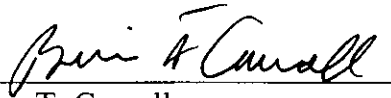
None.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business, Commissioner Wadekamper concluded the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED in open meeting this 21 day of February, 2012.

  
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Robert L. Ransom,  
Secretary/Commissioner

  
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Brian T. Carroll,  
President/Commissioner

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Arthur L. Wadekamper,  
Vice President/Commissioner