MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RONALD WASTEWATER DISTRICT JULY 5, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Ronald Wastewater District was convened at the District office at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 by Board President Wadekamper. In attendance were Commissioners Brian Carroll, Arnold Lind and Arthur Wadekamper. Also present were District General Manager, Michael Derrick, District Maintenance Manager, George Dicks, District Counsel Joseph P. Bennett, and Scott Christensen and Darrell Frame of CHS Engineers, District Engineers. Ratepayer Robert Ransom joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Additions/Adjustments to Agenda?

Mr. Derrick requested to add an update on bill processing and rescind the motion adopted at the last meeting as Item# 4.

Commissioner Lind requested moving the next Commissioners' meeting to noon on July 19. The other Commissioners concurred.

Handouts

- A. King County Treatment Rate, 2012; Capacity Charge.
- B. WASWD Letter re Retrospective Rating Program Members.

Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 23, 2011, Final. The Board reviewed minutes provided by Mr. Derrick for the regular meeting of June 23. Upon motion by Commissioner Lind, and second by Commissioner Carroll, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 23 regular meeting. The Commissioners then signed the approved minutes.

- 1. <u>Engineers Report.</u> Mr. Christensen presented his report for June 2, 2011. Highlights included:
- a. <u>Echo Lake Trunk.</u> Project is complete. 11th month inspection is due on March 1, 2012.
- b. <u>Echo Cove Bypass.</u> 11th month inspection is due before December 1. Project is complete. Won local ASCE Honor Award. Mr. Frame gave a summary of his presentation to the ASCE meeting. Mr. Christensen presented the ASCE plaque to President Wadekamper for the District. The Commissioners congratulated Messrs. Christensen and Frame on the award.

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- c. <u>COSH Aurora Ave Project.</u> Aurora Phase 3A in construction up to 192nd. Phase 3B is at 60% design, scheduled for construction summer 2012. District will have to move a short length of sewer line during this phase.
- d. <u>Salt Water Park Lift Station# 16.</u> Preconstruction meeting was held with Nordic Construction on 6/23 at the District. Construction will start later this month.
- e. 2008 CIP Pilot Project. 11th month inspection completed, road patching needed.
- f. 2009 CIP Pilot Project. 11th month inspection completed, road patching needed.
- g. <u>Briarcrest 1 O&M CIP.</u> Budget Sewer is 99% complete, working on as-built drawings and final pay estimate.
- h. <u>Briarcrest 2 O&M CIP.</u> Landis & Landis is 99% complete, working on as-built drawings. Paving remains.
- i. <u>Kings School Developer Extension.</u> Plans approved. Waiting for pre-construction meeting.
- j. <u>Westside Analysis.</u> Working with FCS Group on options. Met with City of Edmonds on June 14.
- k. <u>Shorecrest HS Developer Extension.</u> Pre-construction meeting was held on June 22. Project is in construction.

Mr. Christensen showed the Commissioners a reprint of an article in the July WEF magazine written by Mr. Christensen, Ms. Pottinger, and Mr. Derrick explaining the District's I&I removal program, including the replacement of side sewers.

- 2. <u>Vouchers.</u> Mr. Derrick presented and the Board discussed the Vouchers. The Board then considered Vouchers in the aggregate amount of \$86,279.71 broken down as follows: (a) AP Vouchers #0110455 through #0110482 in the amount of \$48,611.71; (b) AP Voucher # 0011023 (payroll) in the amount of \$353.82; (c) ACH Payroll of \$27,369.17; and (d) Payroll taxes of \$9,944.84. Upon a motion by Commissioner Carroll, and second by Commissioner Lind, the Board approved all of the Vouchers presented by a vote of 3-0.
- 3. <u>Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Fee Increase.</u> Mr. Derrick presented a copy of the letter from the LHWMP Administrator dated June 23, 2011. The King County Board of Health recently decided to increase surcharge fee rates that funds the LHWMP. President Wadekamper remarked that this will increase the fees owing to King County, which in turn will likely increase the District's sewer rates. The amount of the surcharge increase is not yet known.
- 4. <u>Update on Bill Printing Contract; Rescission of Approval of Motion at June 23 Meeting.</u> Mr. Derrick reported on his follow-up since the last meeting. After

further review, staff detected errors in each of the four submissions which made it impossible to compare the pricing proposals. Upon motion by Commissioner Carroll, and second by Commissioner Lind, the Board voted 3-0 to rescind its action of June 23 awarding the contract for bill printing. Mr. Derrick will report back after he receives revised submissions.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Bennett reported on a recent suit filed by JP Morgan against a property owner (<u>JP Morgan v. Gustavson</u>, King County Cause No. 11-2-21356-1SEA). The plaintiff sued to quiet title based on an allegedly erroneous legal description in a reconveyance. The District is listed as a defendant because of an alleged side sewer easement. Mr. Derrick responded that the easement in question is in fact a side sewer easement. Mr. Bennett will file a notice of appearance, but expects that the District will be a nominal defendant in this lawsuit.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Derrick reported on the recent decision of the Court of Appeals, affirming summary judgment in favor of the District in the lawsuit brought by former employee, Rodolfo Apostol. He sent the Commissioners a copy of the decision via e-mail prior to the meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Dicks presented his July 1 Maintenance Report. Highlights for May include 11 sewer permits issued, 7 installations/repairs were completed and inspected, and 13 certificates of sewer availability were issued. Utility locates, pipeline cleaning and pump station maintenance and inspection comprised the majority of the work this past month. Crews removed carpeting and painted walls in the crew room following a water heater failure. Maintenance personnel completed all needed repairs to lift station generators as identified during the annual inspections and service. Commissioner Carroll asked about the software that the District uses to track maintenance and capital assets. He requested that future reports on construction and maintenance include a description of the proposed software and labor solutions to make sure that the District's dollars are being spent cost-effectively. Mr. Derrick clarified that the software is up to date even though the software code may be 20 years old. Mr. Dicks responded that some of the software on the market is designed for larger cities with in-house engineering departments.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND REPORTS None.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Derrick reported that he is starting to gather preliminary information for the next Budget. He reminded those present that Celebrate Shoreline is set for August

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20 and the District's Open House is scheduled for August 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ransom requested a copy of the June 23 Board minutes. He also had a question about last meeting's bankruptcy report.

FUTURE TOPICS/CITY REPORT

None.

CONCLUDED

There being no further business, President Wadekamper concluded the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED in open meeting: This 19 day of July, 2011.

Arnold H. Lind,

Secretary/Commissioner

Brian T. Carroll,

Vice-President/Commissioner

Arthur L. Wadekamper,

President/Commissioner