

**MIDWAY SEWER DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2010**

Commissioners Hendrickson, Landon, and Koester were present. Also present: Mr. Griffith, Ms. Ford, Mr. Grodt, Mr. Brian Riehs, Mr. Scott Jones, and Mr. Kase.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 4:03 p.m.

The agenda for today's meeting was approved without modification.

M/S/C approving the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2010.

VOUCHERS:

M/S/C approving Maintenance vouchers #300069 through #300104 in the amount of \$67,278.39.
Capital Improvement voucher #204002 in the amount of \$2,385.00.
2008 Public Works Trust Fund voucher #208001 in the amount of \$25,766.80.
Board approval of payment of \$28,622.13 for 23 employees for direct deposit of the February draw.

LIENS:

M/S/C approving the liens as presented.

RELEASE OF LIENS:

M/S/C approving the release of lien as presented.

HRA / VEBA STATUS – BRIAN RIEHS:

Brian Riehs and Scott Jones, both Service Representative of VEBA Services Group, LLC, addressed the Board concerning the transition from the previous third party administrator, Rehn & Associates to Meritain Health, the current third party administrator. They explained that there are about 30,000 participants in our employer group that they represent. They have received numerous complaints concerning the new third party administrator. They are now closely monitoring Meritain's service metrics. They told the Board that in the future we can expect shorter claims turnaround times, faster posting of contributions, reduced call hold times, timely, reliable responses to e-mail inquiries, and smoother online participant account access registrations. The Board thanked them for coming to explain the transition to a new third party administrator.

EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR AT 1411 S. 261ST ST.:

The Manager reported that he took what amounted to emergency action when it was discovered that a sewer serving the residences at 1419, 1415, & 1411 S. 261st St. and owned by the District

was obstructed and in need of repair. Scotty's General Construction was hired on a time and materials basis to dig up and replace the faulty pipes. The contractor's repair bill amounted to \$7,298.44. There is also a property damage claim from the resident at 1411 S. 261st St. M/S/C approving the Manager's actions.

ANNUAL ENGINEER STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

The Manager reported that an advertisement soliciting statements of qualifications from qualified professional engineers had been placed in the December 11 & 18, 2009, Highline Times. The ad indicated that statements would be accepted until January 15, 2010. No statements were received. The District remains satisfied with the services provided by URS and PACE but will encourage other engineering firms to submit their qualifications on specific projects.

WASWD MEMBERSHIP:

The Manager reported that the District had received the WASWD 2010 membership dues bill some time ago and that payment is due by March 1, 2010. At the December 9, 2009, meeting it was decided to consider whether or not to continue membership at a meeting in January. Commissioner Koester suggested that the District rejoin WASWD after they take positive steps to correct problems that have been identified with the Board and the Executive Director. He said that if the District pays their renewal dues it will send the wrong message to WASWD and indicate to them that we are complacent. Other Districts are also dissatisfied and have already withdrawn from WASWD or are seriously considering that action. The Midway Board has already complained about WASWD shortcomings, but to date there is no evidence of any improvement. Commissioner Hendrickson said that it is the WASWD Board's responsibility to make needed changes to the WASWD organization. He said that it is his preference to encourage the Board to take action to correct the problems identified with WASWD. The composition of the WASWD Board of Directors just changed, perhaps the new Board will be more responsive than the previous Board. Commissioner Landon suggested that the District pay the 2010 WASWD dues and send the Board of Directors a notice that this may be Midway's last year of membership if positive changes to the organization are not made in 2010. M/S/C authorizing payment of the WASWD 2010 membership dues and putting the WASWD Board of Directors on notice that our continued membership in WASWD in future years will depend on their response to the problems identified.

ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH URS FOR A WASTELOAD ASSESSMENT AND INFILTRATION AND INFLOW EVALUATION NEEDED FOR NPDES RENEWAL:

The Manger said that the District must apply for a NPDES permit renewal prior to May 31, 2010. A number of items are needed for this application. Two of the items required for renewal are beyond the expertise of District staff and require the services of a qualified engineer. He presented a contract with URS for the preparation of a Wasteload Assessment and an Infiltration and Inflow Evaluation.

M/S/C authorizing the engineering services contract with URS as presented.

MANAGER REPORT:

The Manager distributed his written report on his recent activities.

OFFICE MANAGER REPORT:

The Office Manager had nothing to report.

TREATMENT PLANT SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Mr. Griffith reported that the surplus stepper screens were hauled away by the City of Seaside, Oregon, on January 13, 2010. Additionally, he has prepared and distributed the District's Annual Biosolids Report to the various regulatory agencies.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Grodt reported on the following:

1. Influent Screens – The “as-builts” should be completed next week. Once this is done, the project will be complete.
2. Marina Sewer Project – The post construction survey will be completed this week and the “as-builts” next week. The emergency generator will be completed at a later date dependant upon the Marina's construction schedule.
3. Office Generator Project – The electrical engineers have started work on the project.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hendrickson suggested that the District enlist the services of a financial consultant as had been the practice of the District in the past, when Yeasting and Associates advised the District.

Commissioner Hendrickson inquired about the status of the energy saving light replacement projects at the plant and office. Mr. Griffith said that the plant light replacement portion of the project is nearly complete. PSE has not responded to the application made for the office lighting project and they have not returned phone calls concerning our application.

Commissioner Koester suggested that the District inquire as to the asking price of the property located immediately south of the 7th Ave. pump station. The District may have a need for this land in the future and it is for sale now.

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The next meeting will be February 10, 2009, at the District office at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

KEN J. KASE

ATTEST:

JACK W. HENDRICKSON –SECRETARY