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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 10, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Surges. Present were Commissioners Klaiber, List and Scheer, along with Dept. Manager Barnhill, District Engineer Murdock, Administrative Services Manager Gunkelman and Assistant District Secretary Witschi. Also present was Director Barassi. Commissioner Cusack was absent.
2. AGENDA ORDER: There were no requests to hear agenda items out of order.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
4. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- 5.a. SELF-MONITORING REPORT: Mr. Barnhill reported no exceedances in January.
- 5.b. DISTRICT BOARD ACTIONS: No report.
- 5.c. SMOKE TESTING LETTER: The Commission reviewed the draft smoke testing letter. Commissioner List asked staff if they were just going to hold the letter. Mr. Barnhill said he can hold the letter or he can send them out now. He said the last paragraph it states owners have 90 days but the Commission could adjust that. Commissioner Surges said at the last meeting we discussed sending the letter out in May. It was the consensus of the Commission to hold off sending the letters for 90 days.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT: The monthly statement of Department finances was examined by the Commission. Mr. Gunkelman reported a cash balance of \$38,163.39 and a fund balance of \$201,821.12.
- 7.a. SHEDS AND CONCRETE PAD: Mr. Barnhill reported Valley Operators has requested the wooden shed be replaced. He stated he doesn't see an urgent need to replace the shed. He said inside the shed it holds some of operator's equipment, paperwork, measurement logs for the tank, electrical lights and plugs. Commissioner List asked if the shed just needs to be renovated. Mr. Barnhill said the door is hard to open but he does not think it is leaking. He said it could use a good coat of paint and a new latch for the door. He said the concrete pad that is used for the bleach container was initially put on pallets, but it's not a permanent place to keep it. It needs a proper place to sit level.
- 7.b. UTILITY WATER SYSTEM: Mr. Barnhill reported last month the utility water system piping failed. He said inside the pump room, which is supposed to be a dry room, water flooded up above the level of the primary effluent pumps so it's roughly a five foot deep flood inside that room. The sump pump in the corner of the room continued to operate but it could not keep up with the inflow of water that was being pumped in by the system pump. When the utility water system pump finally shut down, the water was drained out or pumped out by the sump pump and the operator found a foot of water in that room when he walked in. Commissioner List came down and redid the piping and cut out the

bad portion and put a new piece in with the coupling and it's permanent now. Valley Operators received a quote to replace the water system piping and the cost is \$7K to replace 10 feet of pipe.

8.a. STAFF REPORT ON OPERATIONS: Mr. Barnhill reported on February 25, West County Wastewater District (WCWD) vacuumed out the scum layer in chamber one of the septic tank. He said seven yards of scum was pulled out of the tank and West County disposed of it on their property. Commissioner List asked how often does it need to be vacuumed out. Mr. Barnhill said he was thinking once a quarter. Commissioner List asked how much does that service cost. Mr. Barnhill said he has not received the invoice from WCWD yet, but he said it is cheaper than hiring Ponder.

8.b. STAFF REPORT ON GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS: None

8.c. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

9. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None

10. CONSENT CALENDAR: The consent items were approved unanimously (tl/kk):

- a. Approve Minutes of February 10, 2021.
- b. Receive Status Report on outstanding issues.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss Port Costa school sewer system.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner List said he would not be in attendance for the April meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM until April 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Witschi

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March 11, 2021