

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BIRCH BAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT,
HELD **March 26, 2009**

Commission President Don Montfort called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Other persons present included Commissioners Patrick Alesse and Carl Reichhardt, General Manager Roger Brown, Engineering Services Manager Dan Eisses, Treasurer Glenn Golay, Water Conservation Specialist Emily Resch, Attorney Robert Carmichael, and Engineer Rodney Langer.

Agenda additions/changes: Glenn asked that two leak credit requests be added for consideration by the commissioners, and Roger would like to poll the board regarding interest in attending the WASWD Spring conference.

Public Input: none

Consent Agenda included: Minutes for the Regular meeting of February 26, 2009; Accounts Payable Warrants #38216-38244 paying Claims #38289-38335 for \$85,137.11; and March Payroll Draw Warrants #6202-6215 for \$17,550.00. It was moved by Reichhardt and seconded Alesse to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan reported that BP has not commented yet regarding the Carollo wastewater study. Roger also noted that he recently talked with DNR about a possible reclaimed water program.

Conservation Program: Emily reported on the recent meeting of the Whatcom Water Alliance. The Alliance approved the MOU for 2009. Lynden has approved the MOU and are now members of the Alliance and Bellingham is expected to join formally in April. For this year, the Alliance will continue the voluntary watering schedule, outreach more to the community, and provide information to customers regarding rain barrels. Emily was able to rent (instead of purchasing) the Wayne Drop costume for activities this year, which will save some budget funds this year. Emily took part in Bellingham's "Walk for Water" recently. She also confirmed the dates for the school program in April and May, with poster awards on June 2nd.

Don talked about recent legislative activity on water bills. Roger reviewed recent activity on regional watershed planning. He has a meeting set for April 21 with the small cities to discuss concerns about representation in the planning process.

Roger reported on his attendance at the most recent PUD meeting and the issues covered. The District's notice of reduction in contract demand was discussed at the meeting and they asked Roger for comment. The PUD manager asked Roger for a letter detailing what the District thinks is the amount that should be refunded to the District from the standby payments made over the term of the contract with the PUD. Roger discussed his work on that issue. The PUD would like that letter by April 6th. There was also some discussion of getting some consultant assistance for this work. The commissioners agreed with Roger regarding consultant assistance.

Dan talked about the possibility of PWTF funding for the Waterline replacement project on Blaine Road (California Creek to Birch Bay-Lynden Road). He talked about the new application process and asked for approval of CHS' project design scope and fee of \$65,000. The commissioners asked about the timing and need for the project. This is a supply improvement project, would reduce the reliance on storage for peak day needs, as well as replacement of old, problem waterlines. It was moved Alesse and seconded Reichhardt to authorize the General Manager to sign the CHS scope and fee proposal for this project. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan discussed his attendance at the County GMA meeting.

Dan reported that the low bid for painting the District tanks was \$151,208.

Roger asked if any commissioner would be going to the WASWD Spring conference. Commissioners Alesse and Montfort are going to attend.

Glenn presented two leak credit requests to the commissioners. Both of the requests had previously been denied by staff under the leak credit policy. After review, the commissioners agreed to give sewer usage credits only on both requests.

There being no further business, it was moved Reichhardt and seconded Alesse to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Birch Bay Water and Sewer District, Whatcom County, Washington, held **March 26, 2009**.

BOARD SECRETARY

(minutes taken by Glenn Golay)