

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BIRCH BAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT,
HELD June 25, 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, and Attorney Robert Carmichael.

Agenda additions/changes: none

Public Input: none

Consent Agenda included: Minutes for the Regular meeting of June 11, 2009; Accounts Payable Warrants #38567-38601 paying Claims #38567-38601 for \$409,117.57; and June Payroll Draw Warrants #6322-6335 for \$17,800.00. It was moved by Reichhardt and seconded Alesse to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Conservation Program: Emily reported that the Whatcom Water Alliance (WWA) received some publicity recently in the Herald. The City of Everson has recently joined the WWA. Dan and Emily will begin working next week with the State Park on their water efficiency audit. Emily also showed the board the awards received from PNS-AWWA for conservation. She is continuing to prepare for Discovery Days. She also reviewed the most current water consumption report. The watering schedule is now in effect and the A boards have been set out.

Dan reported that the city's Well 5.2 should be ready for full time service by the first of July.

Roger met with Steve Jilk of the PUD on Monday. They discussed the buyout of the contract demand and the termination agreement. Roger also discussed his attendance at the most recent PUD meeting and the issues covered.

Roger discussed recent activities in regional watershed planning.

Roger also reported that the DOE water right consultants have been ordered to begin work on the cost reimbursement program.

Dan gave an update on the Hall Rd/Blaine Rd project. Dan recommended approving a request to increase the scope and fee budget for engineering consultant services from CHS for this project because of activity that was not part of the original scope. It was moved Reichhardt and seconded Alesse to approve the increased fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan spoke a little about the optimization review of the plant and what the next step is to get consulting assistance. Dan would like to work with task orders that focus on smaller issues and particular projects within the plant operation, in order to reduce costs. He asked for approval to expend up to \$10,000 on the first task review. It was moved Alesse and seconded Reichhardt to approve the Dan's request. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan discussed sewer service issues for Jackson Road properties. There does not appear to be any need to extend this line further south in the future, so recommends keeping it as shallow as possible. The commissioners agreed to Dan's approach on this issue.

Dan also reviewed a request from Becky Savo to allow her to connect to Blaine's sewer system. There is no district sewer service available to her property. It was moved Reichhardt and seconded Alesse to approve her request. The motion passed unanimously. Dan also generally discussed the county's UGA review.

Lane vs. Seattle lawsuit: concerning the responsibility for the cost of installation and maintenance of fire hydrants. Bob gave a summary of issues involved in this case.

There being no further business, it was moved Reichhardt and seconded Alesse to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 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 **June 25, 2009**.

BOARD SECRETARY

(minutes taken by Glenn Golay)