

MINUTES

August 12, 2004

BOARD MEETING

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Dennis Carter. Board Members attending the meeting were Dennis Carter, James Newton and Beverly Lawlor. Staff members attending the meeting were Sherry Evertson and Andy Newton.

Beverly moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2004 Board Meeting. James seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Guests: Mike Smartt, representing Erickson's Sentry Grocery, attended to discuss the SDC charge for the coffee hut parked at the store. He said he missed the public hearing because he was confused about the date it was held. He said the coffee hut is a replacement of one that was there previously, but that it took them about two years to replace the previous one. He said they use a separate disposal company for their wastewater and that the employee rarely uses the grocery store bathroom. Andy said he had seen an employee use the dry well on the property to dispose of wastewater. Mike said that was unauthorized and he would reiterate that with the coffee hut owner. Mike said that one of the owners of the property is an attorney for the city of Redmond and understands SDC's. The attorney, Ron Bryant, wanted Mike to convey to us that if we file a lien for the SDC it is inappropriate and he will sue us.

Mike said that any correspondence from this point on should be sent to Ron Bryant as well as to Mike at the store.

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Finally, Mike said they don't mind being charged the monthly sewer bill, they just refuse to pay the SDC of \$3,810.

After Mike left the meeting, the board discussed his argument. The result of the discussion was that Beverly moved to respond to the property owners that LSSD must enforce our ordinance and will therefore proceed with the lien. James seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sherry said Poppy Warrick sold her property and wants a refund of the \$335 partial SDC payment she has made to us. The board said the \$335 will be applied to the \$3,810 SDC owed since she has exceeded her one year to pay at the old rate. No refund will be made.

Operation Manager's Report:

- Andy said insurance will pay for all costs of the pivot wreck except the \$1,000 deductible.
- Not much activity on the lagoon expansion project in the past month.
- The new pump station will probably not be built until September.
- Andy said the County agreed to pay \$117,000 for the pump station. Vic Russell Construction's bid was \$74,000 so the remaining amount should cover the cost of installing phone and electric lines.
- Andy has had several inquiries about the gravel we have so we need to determine a price. Dennis told him to charge whatever the going rate is.
- The hay crop was very good. We got 5,632 bales compared with 3,808 bales produced last year. Andy said he is going to try to get it sold right away.
- The public hearing is coming up soon for our DEQ permit renewal.
- Andy is taking the exam for Wastewater Treatment Level II in September.
- Andy feels that with the Level II treatment facility requirement that we have someone "on call" 27/7 we will need to address compensation for "on call" time by employees.

Financial Reports: The financial reports were reviewed.

Old Business: The attorney's response to our inquiry about our options for enforcement of people who paid the SDC within their one year to get

grandfathered rate but then did not hook up was discussed. The board instructed Sherry to send a letter to the property owners that are not in compliance explaining the consequences to them. Also, Sherry is to start billing them immediately.

The Construction Draw for August was reviewed. James moved to approve the construction draw as presented. Beverly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Delinquent accounts were reviewed.

Bills for August were reviewed. James moved to approve the bills, except the refund of \$335.00 to Poppy Warrick. Beverly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Evertson