

FREELAND WATER and SEWER DISTRICT
ISLAND COUNTY WASHINGTON
Minutes of January 3rd, 2017
MEETING PLACE - 5585 Lotto Avenue - Freeland, Washington

IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Lou Malzone (*President*); John Brunke, Eric Hansen

Staff: Andy Campbell (*Certified Operator*); Terri Campbell (*Finance and Administration*)

Professional Services and Audience: Gray and Osborne; Eric Nutting, Roger Kuykendall, DOE; Ken Ziebert, Chris Martin, Pacific Ground Water Group; Charles (Pony), Ellingson, Glenn Mutti-Driscoll, Whidbey Record; Justin Burnett, Island County Commissioner; Helen Price Johnson, Department of Health; Keith Higman, Doug Kelly, Freeland Chamber of Commerce; Frank Nelson, Property Owners; Steve Myres, Dennis Colar, Richard Boyle, Bill and Gillian Lewis and Leanne Findley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner *Malzone* called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. AGENDA – Addition or Deletions

It was moved by Commissioner *Brunke* and seconded by Commissioner *Hansen* to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion approved**

4. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Malzone gave a power point presentation on; 1) project objectives, 2) project history 3) financial challenges 4) technology challenges

5. DISCUSSION

A. *Pony Ellingson* from Pacific Ground Water Group (PGWG) stated that the testing of the vadose wells is important to see how much water they will infiltrate.

B. *Doug Kelly* from Department of Health (DOH) stated there is a risk using the vadose well but the risk cannot be predicted until the testing is complete.

C. *Ken Ziebert* from Department of Ecology (DOE) stated there will need to be an amendment to the hydrology report if the deep vadose wells are selected. He also expressed concern that the deeper vadose wells might affect water quality in the deep aquifer.

D. *Keith Higman* from Island County encouraged the District to confirm with state agencies where the point of compliance with ground water quality criteria would be determined and what criteria needs to be met with direct injection and or deeper wells.

E. *Helen Price Johnson*, Island County Commissioner asked why the vadose wells were being considered if there was a high risk that they may not work.

F. *Steve Myers* wants sewer in Freeland and questioned Commissioner Price Johnson why there was not more funding available from Island County when Freeland brings in more tax revenue above other areas on the Island. Commissioner Price Johnson responded that the County has already committed considerable funds to the project, now and in the past and also it is due to the dynamics among the Island County cities and unincorporated areas.

6. **RECESS**

Commissioner *Malzone* recessed the meeting at 4:00 PM

7. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner *Malzone* called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Commissioner *Brunke* moved seconded by Commissioner *Hansen* to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 12th regular meeting and December 20th “Special” meeting. **Motion approved**

9. **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS** – None

10. **PROJECT REPORTS**

10.1 **Sewer Planning**

Rate Study – The Commissioners reviewed preliminary results of the sewer financial plan *Gordon Wilson* from the *FCS Group* previously presented. *Gordon* will be asked to proceed to update the financial model with adjusted costs of the vadose well testing and all other costs needing to be implemented into the model report.

Funding – Commissioner *Malzone* reported that Main Street Sewer is applying to DOE for a \$75,000 grant to allow them to do a study on hooking up to the FWSD.

The Commissioners directed *Terri Campbell* to bring the total sewer expenditures from the prior and present grants to the next meeting.

Engineering - The Commissioners agreed that they need to authorize the additional hydrogeological testing to have the confidence to move forward with the project. Commissioner *Hansen* moved seconded by Commissioner *Brunke* to approve amendment #2 of the contract with the engineers (*Gray and Osborne*) for a 30-day pilot test of the vadose wells in the amount of \$226,000.00 (two hundred twenty-six thousand dollars). The commissioners asked Gray and Osborne to end the program early if they had collected sufficient data to make informed recommendations regarding vadose well performance. **Motion approved**

Additional Costs; Commissioner *Brunke* questioned engineer *Eric Nutting* about the daily cost for testing which he thought was high. *Eric Nutting* will need to review this question and get back to the commissioners. Commissioner *Malzone* asked why there were additional costs for Engineering when the engineering was at 90%? *Eric Nutting* responded it was because the additional testing of the vadose wells was not included in the plan.

Customer Sewer Cost - Public Meeting – Commissioner *Hansen* will ask *Gordon Wilson* (FCS) to participate in a public meeting in early March to discuss sewer costs with property owners.

10.2 Water System

Water Treatment – *Andy Campbell* will provide costs for the installation of a treatment facility to remove iron and manganese from Freeland wells one and two.

Harbor Hill Water System Consolidation – No Report

Comprehensive Plan – No Report

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

12. NEW BUSINESS – None

12.1 Commissioner workshop – The Commissioner workshop will be held in Lynnwood on Saturday February 4th.

13. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

14. REPORTS -

14.1 Accountant's Report - Terri Campbell (WWS)

A. Accounts – Accounting reports were presented, that included preliminary Income, Expense, and Balance sheets for the month ending December 2016.

B. Approval of Vouchers - No Vouchers

14.2 Operation's Report - Andy Campbell (WWS)

A. See attached Operation and Maintenance Report for month ending December 2016

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Commissioner *Malzone* called executive session at 6:25 PM to discuss acquiring property for a potential well site.

16. The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 6:35 PM and Commissioner *Malzone* called the regular meeting back to order.

16.1 Property Purchase R-22903-124-1220 Commissioner *Hansen* made motion seconded by Commissioner *Brunke* to proceed with the purchase of the property parcel number R-22903-124-1220 in the amount of \$85,000.00 (eighty-five thousand dollars) once the legal description of the property from the title company is confirmed and the feasibility study is finished. Motion approved

17. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business of the District the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM

Eric Hansen
Commissioner; FWSD

Lou Malzone
Commissioner; FWSD

John Brunke
Commissioner; FWSD

February 13th, 2016

Approval Date