

SACHEEN LAKE WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

September 2, 2015

Location: Sacheen Fire Station

Commissioner Garrett called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm with the pledge. Commissioners Johnsen and Pearman were in attendance as well as DM/Pearman, and Kevin Koesel from Sewell Engineering. Also attending the meeting were Meghan Rounds and Cynthia Wall from DOE.

C/Garrett reviewed the meeting agenda.

C/Garrett MM to approve the minutes of August 6 meeting, C/Pearman seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEERING REPORT/PROJECT UPDATE: Kevin Koesel

Construction Progress Update

Bid Schedule A

- Cells 2 & 3 are completely lined and Cell 1 very close but may need a couple of days next week.
- Headworks masonry is complete, roof framing done, and done prepping for the slab floor.
- Rock crushing is done, next step removal from site
- Spark tested all of Cell 3 and the walls of Cell 2
- 86% Complete

Bid Schedule B

- Electrical work still needed to be done at the lift station
- Substantially complete

Bid Schedule C

- 7 Service lines left to install
- 4 Pump Units left to install
- 158 Pump Units functionally tested
- 106 Services connected
- 82 Decommissions complete
- Site restorations still need completion on many
- 88% Complete

Construction Schedule Upcoming

Bid Schedule A

- Finish Liner Work
- Likely 2 months before headworks is complete
- Install aerator in Cell 1
- Install chain link around Cell 1
- Bypass piping on site-complete
- Pressure test piping in yard

Bid Schedule B

- Waiting on electrical for lift station

Bid Schedule C

- Will work to finish difficult service lines and installs

- Will continue converting systems to the grinder pumps
- Work at Cedar Creek

Change Orders

-CO 9C: Additional exploration for existing systems or second septic tanks. 2 lot service changes where pump station and service lines needed to be moved because waste outlets were not where they had been indicated. Extra 60' trenching in each plus rehab. These were 2 of the most challenging. Amount of CO: \$31,854.98

C/Pearman MM to approve CO 9C in the amount of \$31,854.98. C/Garrett seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

-Septic hauling continue with 107,000 gallons hauled from July 26-August 25 for a cost of \$37,625. S&L think they will need to bring in a second truck. Concern over being able to keep up with one truck but flows may level as summer ends, but more hook-ups coming. Still working on it. Averaging about 3,500 gpd.

-Fusion machine showed up today so we are hopeful they will install the bypass next week. Parts for the bypass came in on Tuesday.

-First few weeks we heard the parts were off the shelf but the fusion machine may have been delay

-C/Pearman asks if it's possible to have someone else install the bypass since it is taking CNI so long..Do we have any recourse to hire someone else? We could, but issues could arise. The reality is that the cleanest is to have CNI do it.

-C/Garrett notes that a lot has been done since our last meeting, but that installation of the bypass as soon as possible was wanted.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Meghan Rounds & Cynthia Wall

-D. White expresses concern that there is a lack of start and end date for this project. He sees no consequences and feels we are being held hostage. Meghan notes that the contractors look for loopholes in order to make change orders to boost their work. Regulations require that we take the lowest bidder.

-J. Storms feels we should call senators and reps and let them know. Questions how we are going to afford it and says people are moving to avoid paying for the system. Meghan notes the design is efficient and cost effective.

-R. Prange says the contractor is not removing all the solids when decommissioning tanks. He called NETCH and they said it was okay. Dan White adds that all those he saw were emptied.

-J. Storms asked if when project is complete will ECY help us with more funding? ECY is maxed out. ECY employees cannot lobby for funding for us, but individual letters to reps by community members can be successful. One community started that way and went up the chain. They can be impressed with individual letters noting how the project has impacted them personally. Approximately \$120 million in proviso money was given out. Start early pushing letters and phone calls.

-J. Johnsen asks if there would be benefit to contacting Spokane reps as we impact them with our being the headwaters of the WBLSR

-J. Storms feels the contractor ran with change orders for the underdrain. Meghan noted the work Sewell has done on that was good and that ECY worked very hard to get the amendment to include all the costs.

-R. Prange asks if there was one bore done per lagoon. Budinger did close to a dozen bores going 4' below where the bottom of the lagoons are. If the groundwater had been detected with the bores, the underdrain would have been included with the bid.

-K. White thanked Cynthia and Meghan for their assistance, skills and financial aid they have been able to give the District. She feels this is going to be a very good system for our community and that Kevin has designed an easy system to run and operate.

- D. Swimelar asks what other communities pay. Diamond Lake took advantage of grants that were available at the time that Sacheen chose not to accept. Their system is now paid for.
- M. Kanyer asks what would entice people to buy here with the high cost to hook up. Meghan notes that people might not want to buy where septic systems surround a lake.
- D. Kanyer feels her property value is deteriorating due to the high cost of the sewer. She also feels the engineer had done his homework we would have done the treatment plant first. ECY does not fund projects in pieces. This is a complete project. If we had waited for the treatment plant's completion instead of pumping we would have had to pay \$181K in demobilization fees. Cynthia notes that she has seen the hauling contract and agrees it needed to be done to keep the project moving forward.
- J. Pargman says we depend on the engineer to run the project. One contractor is holding us hostage. What leverage do we have to hold them to schedule? It is written in the contract that the engineer has no ability to control the contractor's schedule, means or methods.
- K. White asks what if we just stop paying. We cannot because we have a contract.
- M. Kanyer asks if CNI feels they were misled in what they were given to bid. Kevin's plans were good and the Budinger report was part of the bid package.
- D. Kanyer asks why the PWTF at 2% interest has not been paid back yet. Cynthia says that there is no interest until closeout. The money is set aside. The bridge loan is not accruing interest until project closeout.
- L. Johnson feels that there is not enough oversight. Meghan notes that she and Cynthia are in contact with Kevin several times a week and that they receive the construction meeting minutes. Kevin is doing his best to push them to get things done.
- J. Storms asks if they are going to end up suing us in the end. Possibly, but we don't know.

BREAK TO 4:45

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

General Fund for August

Hours for August

District Manager 76

Don Newcomb 25

2 vouchers were presented for payment from the General Fund totaling \$8,700.00

15-27 Aquatechnex \$8,070.00

15-28 Tshimakain Creek Labs \$630.00

6 vouchers were presented for payment from the LID totaling \$432,554.20

LID 15-41 S&L Underground (Sched. B) \$2,101.24

LID 15-42 CNI (Sched. A) \$206,618.44

LID 15-43 S&L Underground (Sched. C) \$106,690.66

LID 15-44 Sewell Engineering \$75,824.97

LID 15-45 Environment One \$3,693.89

LID 15-46 S&L Underground (Hauling Contract) \$37,625.00

COMMUNICATIONS:

-Copies of job description and application form from Diamond Lake Water & Sewer

-Request for Repurposing of Septic Tank from Kanyers.

-Job description: DM will rework it for Sacheen and send out for comment

-Kanyer request to repurpose septic tank is to collect storm water runoff. Mike notes that the project has widened the road and when we get the hard storm recently, they had water infiltration. They would like to install a French drain and silt filter and allow it to go through their tank to into their drainfield. With this fix they would not require the District to rework the road.

C/Pearman will contact NETCH for their opinion. If okay with them the District will approve and allow for repurposing.

-C/Garrett reviewed the Action Register

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS:

-M. Bullock is concerned with her grinder pump location and also with low spot she feels has been left to allow ponding of water. She feels the grinder pump should have been pulled out further so she could straddle and drive over. Both items are on the contractor's list

-R. Prange still waiting for answer on fees and charges and the ability to pay them off up front

-J. Storms feels his septic system is better than what is being put on his property. With new system there is no storage. He has given permission/requested that we use his line up his property for his service line but is unsure if it can handle running the larger pump.

-D. White says he remembers being at a meeting 4 or 5 years ago. He believed then that sewerage was the right thing to do. Today he feels even more so with the systems that he has seen in his neighborhood.

-D. Kanyer notes that she loves Sacheen Lake and that they were proactive in putting in a system 7 years ago. She feels it is unfair to force them to be included and feels she get backhanded when she attends our meetings.

-K. White suggests that this is an opportunity for the community to work together by writing to our legislators to find a way to get some debt reduction that will help us all.

The next regular board meeting will be October 7 at 3 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23

Sheila Pearman, District Manager