

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BIRCH BAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT,
HELD March 27, 2008

Commission President Patrick Alesse called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Other persons present included Commissioners Don Montfort and Carl Reichhardt, General Manager Roger Brown, Attorney Robert Carmichael, Engineer Rodney Langer, Treasurer Glenn Golay, Conservation Specialist Emily Resch, and Luke van't Hoog (BP).

Agenda additions/changes: Roger wanted to clarify that in discussion of item #8, he would ask for a decision from the board on the PWTF scope change.

Public Input: none

Consent Agenda included: Minutes for the Regular meeting of March 13, 2008; Accounts Payable Warrants #37110-37148 paying Claims #37110-37148 for \$75,648.03; Resolutions #666 & 667 regarding increased utility rates that were approved at the March 13 meeting. It was moved Reichhardt and seconded Montfort to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Rodney discussed the water system plan and DOH questions (recent phone call from Richard Rodriguez). He will report back to Roger on his discussion with DOH.

Roger discussed the review of petroleum products on the BP wastewater discharge. Staff is working with BP staff on the review.

Attorney Carmichael is working on the potable water contract with BP and will review with BP's attorney soon.

Roger discussed the water contract negotiations with the City of Blaine. He reviewed with the commissioners the presentation made by FCSG to the city council regarding the contract amendment. Roger will meet with Ed Cebron (FCSG) and Steve Banham (City) on April 1st. He gave an overview of the terms of the water contract amendment.

Emily and Roger gave a status update on the Conservation program. The regional group did not meet this week. However, Bellingham staff is going to participate. Emily is working on the school program and she explained the activity she has developed for the program. The new website is up and available for view online.

Rodney discussed the status of the Drayton Harbor Road waterline replacement project. The archaeological assessment report was sent to DAHP, Lummi and Nooksack Tribes and the County. The comment period should end 4/5/08 and the County should then be ready to complete their review of the shoreline permit exemption application.

Rodney reported on the PWTF scope change. Since the tank painting needs to be done due to specific reference in the PWTF funding law, Dan is recommending painting the outside of the tanks only, since recent survey of the inside of the tanks

suggests that it does not need to be painted inside. Rodney reviewed the scope change and the loan extension request to June 2009. The time extension would go to the PWTF board in April and the scope change would be decided at the staff level. Rodney recommended approval of submitting the loan scope change and extension request. It was moved Reichhardt and seconded Montfort to submit the requests as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Rodney discussed **developer extension projects**:

Reserve at Semiahmoo – regarding fire flow to the project, Rodney stated that the district cannot provide fire flow to the project with its existing system. He noted that providing that service would require some extensive improvements in the system. The commissioners directed staff to follow the existing water system plan for service to the project.

Roger reported on the status of the espresso stand on Harborview. Dan has reported to the Health Department that they have permanent connections. It is supposed to be temporary. The Health Department with investigate.

Roger and Glenn discussed the proposed financial policies. The commissioners asked questions and gave input and suggestions on the policies.

The commissioners set Monday, April 7 for a special board meeting to replace the meeting of April 10.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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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 27, 2008**.

BOARD SECRETARY

(minutes taken by Glenn Golay)