



WINCHESTER BAY SANITARY DISTRICT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 14, 2019

Open Regular Meeting

The President Bill Taylor opened the Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2019 6:00pm in the Winchester Bay Sanitary District's conference room. In attendance were Board members Bob Greig, Roger Hermansen, Lin Labit, and Don Cox, District Secretary Sonnia Rowe, and District Manager Ray Davenport.

Don Cox moved, and Bob Greig seconded to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the November 14th Agenda, October 2019 Financial Report, and authorizes a Board member to approve payments, or sign checks, necessary before the December 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The October 10, 2019 Minutes were accepted as presented.

Visitors

Six visitors attended the meeting, Penny Howard, Don & Roxie Downie, Ron & Connie Rounsaville, and James McPeak, all residents of Winchester Bay.

The focus of the visitor's interest was concerning what impact the RV expansions, planned by Douglas County, will have on the treatment plant and if there would be additional costs to rate payers. The District Manager stated that a new water line will have to be installed out to the Half-moon Bay expansion before construction would be able to start. The new expansions will not

require the sewer rates to be increased. And the plant is designed to treat the flows from the expansions.

Another question was if the rates will come down. The District Manager explained that the District was required by regulatory agencies to construct the new treatment plant in 2008. The cost of running the plant and the debt service is equally spread across the rate payers at \$82 per EDU a month. It's important to remember that Winchester Bay is unincorporated which means no money from taxes are available for contributing to sewer plant costs. All plant expenses come out of the user rate income.

There are no plans for the rates to be higher or to be reduced. If one user category's rate is increased, then all category rates need to be raised to remain equitable.

The public RV dump will be closed permanently as soon as the new 40 RV sites are ready for use at the Winchester Bay RV Resort which will offset the impact of the amount of additional RV chemicals entering the plant from the RV expansion.

The flows from the Half Moon bay expansion should have plenty of time to dilute before entering the plant so should adversely impact the treatment plant.

There were questions about how to charge live-aboard boats on the docks and what they should be charged. However, the District Manager informed the visitors that Salmon Harbor has a policy not to allow live-a-boards.

The visitors requested that the District expand their website for easy access to information concerning the District. The secretary said she would work on getting it updated.

Old Business

The Winchester Bay RV Park expansion has been delayed until they receive the Army Corp of Engineers approval. The District has yet to been contacted by Douglas County

concerning the schedule for starting the Half-Moon Bay RV site expansion.

New Business

The secretary informed the Board that the Christmas dinner will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019 in the Winchester Bay Community Center, and catered by Bedrocks.

District Manager Report

New newly installed force main on Hwy 101 is working well.

Three used generators have been purchased and delivered from State Surplus for \$4,500. These generators will be used at pump stations if there is a power outage. The generators are all identical so parts can be interchanged.

Roger Hermansen moved, and Lin Labit seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approved: As Written: ✓ As Amended:

Signature: Bill Taylor Date 12-12-19