

**REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROGUE VALLEY SEWER SERVICES  
February 15, 2017**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rogue Valley Sewer Services, Jackson County, Oregon, was held at the Rogue Valley Sewer Services Office, 138 West Vilas Road, Central Point, Oregon, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT**

Bob Dunn, Chairman; Kay Harrison, Director; Wayne Brown, Director; Bill Stults Vice Chairman; Jim Lewis, Director

**ALSO PRESENT**

Carl Tappert, Manager; Brenda Baldovino, Finance Director; Joan Pariani, Executive Secretary; Jennie Morgan, Stormwater Manager; Shane Macuk, Operations Manager; Nick Bakke, District Engineer

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Kay Harrison motioned and Wayne Brown seconded approval of the consent agenda consisting of Minutes of the January 18, 2017 Board Meeting and the minutes of the Special Session of January 23, 2017. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the all board members.

**RESOLUTION 17-01: RECOMMENDING RESTORING RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY RIGHTS**

Recreational immunity shields a property owner from liability if they allow the public to enter their property for recreational purposes. A recent ruling by the Oregon Supreme Court has essentially eliminated the concept of Recreational Immunity.. RVSS allows birdwatchers on the property at the lagoons. Under the new ruling if someone got hurt out there while watching birds they could potentially sue an employee for negligence and then the District would be required to pay any award and legal fees. By adopting this Resolution, RVSS is supporting the current legislative efforts to restore the Recreational Immunity.

Bill Stults motioned and Jim Lewis seconded approval of Resolution 17-01-Reommending Restoring Recreational Immunity Rights. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the all board members.

**FINANCIAL UPDATES**

Brenda presented the second quarter FY17 finance report. Everything looks good and RVS is on target for budget.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

J084 Antelope Road Sewer Rehab: The flow monitors that were installed and reported on last month were on working improperly and incorrect information has been received. They have been redepoyed. This project has been pushed back to summer.

J243 North Central Valley Sewer Replacement: This project involves replacing approximately 2140 feet of 8-inch sewer in Central Point. This will be a simple dig and replace. There are a lot of shared laterals which will be reconnected in individual laterals. Neathamer Surveying just completed the survey wind the design will begin shortly. Construction should begin in the spring.

J262 Hwy 62 Bypass: This project has been in a holding pattern. Knife River has been in negotiations with ODOT for phase one of the bypass project. They have a milestone to reach rock grade by the end of March. Knife River is also going to install the liner, which will not get here until the middle of March. In order to line the pipe, get out of the way and get the project completed was going to be close. Nick has made a compromise with Knife River so that they can meet their milestone.

J266 FY 2016 CIPP Project: These projects are wrapping up. There was a little hiccup on the Roadhouse side. The mainline subcontractor got a little aggressive with the trimmer and trimmed out one of the service wyes. The General Contractor will fix this.

17-01 Table Rock Sewer Ext: This is also in a holding pattern.

## **STORMWATER UPDATES**

Jennie attended a listening session with DEQ and the TAC members. Other stakeholders were invited to attend, unfortunately none of these parties showed up. Jennie feels that DEQ will be working on a structured permit with different levels for different sized communities. No more meetings have been scheduled.

Jennie has been working with another ACWA member in the City of Bend to develop a survey for new and existing MS4 Phase II Communities to get input on the detailed language that is in the permit.

RVSS is intending to advertise for a Stormwater Technician this spring.

Jennie has been coordinating with Medford Wastewater Treatment on an issue at Boulton Power Boats. This was not a direct Stormwater violation but Jennie contacted the DEQ and they found it to be a violation of proper disposal of hazardous waste.

The 1200C Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control permit was renewed in December 2015. The agreement that RVSS holds with DEQ to issue these permits has not been updated. RVSS is currently in negotiations with DEQ to update that.

Rogue Credit Union in Medford has been approved for construction.

Jennie presented a flyer from the Rogue River Watershed Council. She is stepping down when her five year term is up. She asked that RVSS continues to support RRWC with a monetary donation.

Bill Stults motioned and Wayne Brown seconded approval Membership and a \$2,000 donation to RRWC. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the all board members.

## **O&M UPDATES**

RVSS Maintenance staff have flushed 24,674 feet of pipe and the video inspection crew has inspected 29,883 feet.

The Special Cleaning Staff have flushed a total of 9,084 feet of pipe. .

Shady Cove Treatment Plant received 91,350 gallons of hauled septage in the month of January for a total of \$13,702.50.

The special cleaning totals for January are 113 combined hours of labor & equipment for a total cost of \$4,428.80.

Shane discussed the Daily Runtime Reports from recent rain events. These were compiled from the new Mission Telemetry equipment.

New racking was installed in the northeast corner of the parking bays. This has helped greatly with the organization of the shop. Also, the old fluorescent shop lights were replaced with LED fixtures.

Fifty-three FOG Inspections were completed in the last 30 days. Of those, 27 were in violation of not maintaining their interceptor.

Unit 37 has been returned and has been working great. The old shop lights have been advertised for sale.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The City of Gold Hill lost their plant operator. They have asked RVSS for help and an agreement for 30 days has been agreed upon to operate their Treatment Plant. Gold Hill would like for this to be a long term arrangement. This agreement would be similar to the one RVSS has with the City of Shady Cove.

Mike Parker has offered to be part of the Budget Committee. Carl will be attending the Phoenix City Council meeting to hopefully recruit another member.

Kay Harrison motioned and Wayne Brown seconded approval of Mike Parker to the Budget Committee. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the all board members.

The Teamsters Contract is currently at an impasse. Carl is trying to schedule a mediator in an attempt to resolve the few remaining issues. More will be discussed in the Executive Session.

Wayne Brown and Jim Lewis were presented with the paperwork to file for re-election.

The current FOG enforcement strategy imposes a \$50 per month fine on violations. Currently there are nine restaurants that have just decided to pay this surcharge instead of comply. The FOG inspector has suggestion to change policy to progressively increase the surcharge for chronic users.

Carl is still looking at ways to take FOG at the lagoon. He spoke with the manager from Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority. He suggested that regional effort with all of Southern Oregon. Roseburg has room in their digester. Carl also spoke with Jon Gasik from DEQ. He wants RVSS to start taking septic waste at the lagoons. They also had discussions on what to do with FOG. He is supportive of whatever needs to be done.

Carl included the final Settlement Agreement with Mel Workman.

Carl presented a brief summary of the work sessions he attended at the SDAO conference.

Kay Harrison leaves the meeting @ 7:52.

### **CLAIMS LISTING**

Bill Stults motioned and Jim Lewis seconded to approve the Claims Listing of \$756,701.37. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of the remaining board members.

### **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:00 to conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to carry on labor negotiations. ORS 192.660(2)(d).

### **RETURN TO OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:15.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

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Bill Stults, Vice-Chairman  
Board of Directors

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Joan Pariani, Executive Secretary