



MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
Held February 16, 2015

The February 16, 2015 Business Meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by President Grubenhoff. The meeting was held at the Port of Sunnyside's Administration Office located at: 2640 E Edison Avenue, Ste. 1, Sunnyside, WA

Commissioners and Staff present at the Business Meeting:

Jim Grubenhoff, Commission President
Jeffrey Matson, Commission Vice President
Arnold Martin, Commission Secretary
Jay Hester, Executive Director
Rob Faber, Legal Counsel
Bob Farrell, Port Engineer
Gary Holwegner, Sprayfield Manager
Angela Smith, Administrative Assistant

John Fannin-Daily Sun News, GUEST

Citizen Comments: None

NOTICE ITEMS:

Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Banquet, March 14, 2015
WPPA Spring Meeting, Davenport Hotel, Spokane May 13-15, 2015
Public Disclosure Annual Filing, Due April 2015

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Staff Comments:

Jay stated that the Carnation Project may be the first Brownfield property in Eastern Washington to come full circle in a short period of time, and the Department of Ecology is very impressed with the results. Jay explained that the site will not be plagued by reports of contamination now that the remediation is deemed complete. Maul Foster Alongi our consultant, received verbal approval from John Mefford of Washington State Department of Ecology for covering the work of closing out the wells under the remedial action grant. Jay also mentioned that the City of Yakima is working through a similar cleanup processes, with a few locations throughout the City of Yakima.

Bob stated that he is working on getting the Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBR's) to work properly. It seems to be the same filamentous bacteria there was an issue with a few years ago. Normally the irregularity is caused by a lack of nitrogen. Urea injections have been done to attempt to regulate the system. Bob explained that it is possible the SBR's may have been underfed, stating we are in a transition, and incorporating a new process. Bob explained that the

staff is currently in the process of regulating temperature by moving water out of the Covered Anaerobic Lagoon (CAL). The CAL's ambient temperatures are increasing due to the warm influent, and outside temperatures but there is still not enough biology to affect the temperature. The CAL facility is doing well right now, although water flows have been inconsistent. Bob stated he is hoping the influent will even out. Bob stated the current discharge is 500,000, and the system can handle up to 1.1 million gallons per day. Bob explained that Darigold has not increased their flows yet, and have not met the new schedule they provided. Bob explained that the Port has received its permit with Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority. The operations site is now creating bio-gas from the CAL, with the flame firing more frequently, and burning longer. We are getting a 50% reduction in COD in the CAL. When it is fully operational, we should get 75-80% COD reduction.

Angela stated the Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be Saturday March 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm. The Port will sponsor a table, so the Commissioners can attend. Angela explained that she is now the Port's representative to the Chamber, so she will be attending the membership meetings, as well as serve on the planning committee for the Chamber Banquet in a few weeks.

Gary stated that the Sprayfield crew has been successful in reducing the sage rat population this year. Gary stated that the crew used a volcon spreader, and being able to go down each side of the risers makes a huge difference. He explained this is the best method he has found so far. Gary is looking at options for a more even water application. He met with Irrigation Specialists, for evaluating the possibilities for a different nozzles. Currently they are using a 4 gallon per minute nozzle, and are looking into a 6 gallon per minute nozzle, to see if they can get better coverage. Gary explained that he purchased a heat blanket so he can straighten the irrigations solid set risers. .

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Matson stated he feels a lot more upbeat when the sun is shining. It may not be warmer but his attitude is different.

Commissioner Martin stated the sun makes him want to be outside working, although we need much more snow in the mountains.

Commissioner Grubenhoff excitedly announced the coming arrival of his fifth grandchild, a boy. He explained his wife is in California assisting their daughter as she prepares to give birth soon.

ACTION ITEMS:

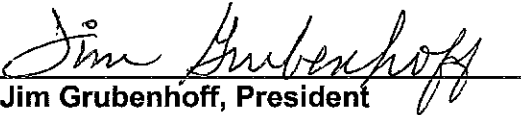
- The consent agenda includes:
Minutes of the Port Business Meeting held on February 2, 2015, payroll in the amount of \$39,272.70 issued on February 5, 2015, and payables in the amount of \$229,328.08 issued on February 10, 2015, totaling \$268,600.78 Commissioner Matson moved to approve, Commissioner Martin seconded, motion approved 3-0.
- Motion to approve proposal with Maul Foster and Alongi for monitoring well decommissioning in the amount of \$6,500.00 and authorize Jay Hester to sign on behalf of the Port. Commissioner Martin moved to approve, Commissioner Matson seconded, motion approved 3-0.
- Motion for Final Acceptance of the Anaerobic Pretreatment Facility project. Commissioner Matson moved to approve, Commissioner Martin seconded, motion approved 3-0.

- Motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-02: A Resolution Adopting General Policies as follows: Industry Discharge, Discharge of Stormwater to the Port of Sunnyside IWWTF, and Receiving Tanker-Hauled Wastewater into the Port of Sunnyside IWWTF. Commissioner Martin moved to approve, Commissioner Matson seconded, motion approved 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Executive Session was called to order at 5:48 pm by President Grubenhoff to discuss real estate issues as allowed by RCW 42.30.110, Subsection C. The session was expected to last 10 minutes. At 5:58 pm, the session was extended by 10 minutes by President Grubenhoff. The Executive Session was closed at 6:08 pm by President Grubenhoff.

ADJOURNMENT: The Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm, peace and harmony prevails.


Jim Grubenhoff, President

ATTEST:


Arnold Martin, Secretary