



MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
Held April 20, 2021

The April 20, 2021 Business Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m., by President Grubenhoff. The meeting was held at the Port of Sunnyside's Business Administration Office located at 2640 E. Edison Avenue, Suite 1, Sunnyside, WA.

Commissioners and Staff present at the Business Meeting:

Jim Grubenhoff, Commission President
Tyler Schilperoort, Commission Vice President
Arnold Martin, Commission Secretary
Jay Hester, Executive Director
Travis Jansen, Project Manager
Cory Wilson, Plant Operator
Nicole Jech, Communications Director
Lucia Navarro, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: None

GUESTS COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- The Commissioners asked Cory to provide some additional information about the Darigold surcharges incurred during March 2021. Cory shared that Darigold had a total of five surcharges for the month. However, he has seen considerable improvement in their communication to the Port when these events occur. This communication has allowed Port staff enough time to divert the spike loads to the CAL in an effort to not completely disrupt treatment of the entire plant. For instance, the occurrence on March 2nd, was communicated early enough that the Port was able to bypass 20% of the load, which had a very minor effect on the plant. Commissioner Schilperoort asked if there has been any impact to the lagoon. Cory stated that there has been no real impact. Since communication is early enough in most instances, there is very little adverse effects to treatment.

The surcharges that have incurred during these slug loads are causing Darigold staff to pay attention to these events and address them in order to minimize future occurrences. Cory stated that the initial reason for the surcharges was to improve communication between Darigold and Port staff during these situations, so in fact it is working.

Commissioner Grubenhoff asked if the Port has suffered an increase in treatment costs because of these spike loads. Cory stated that there was no significant additional cost for treatment. Commissioner Grubenhoff asked if there was additional work for Port employees to have to take care of these loads. Cory replied that with the early notice, the work was minimal in addressing the issue.

Commissioner Schilperoort asked if the new MBR system will allow for the elimination of this surcharge. Jay responded that the surcharge will not be eliminated with the new system, but Port staff will be able to divert more water when needed.

Commissioner Grubenhoff stated that from the information he has gathered from tonight's discussion, it appears that the communication from Darigold to the Port has improved which is enabling the Port to not be so adversely affected during spike load occurrences.

Commissioner Martin stated that in all of his experience at the Port, this is the most cooperative he has seen Darigold operate with the Port. The improved communication displays a willingness on Darigold's part to continue to work on improving the working relationship and ensure smooth operations between our two entities.

After further discussion Port commissioners agreed to waive 2 of the surcharges for the month of March 2021. Commissioner Grubenhoff stated that it is nice to have a good working relationship with Darigold and he is glad to see them trying to work with the Port.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Executive Session was opened at 5:29 p.m. by President Grubenhoff to discuss Real Estate and Legal issues as allowed by RCW 42.30.110 subsections C and I respectively. The session was expected to last 10 minutes with an action expected to follow in open session. The session closed at 5:39 p.m.

- Motion to waive two of the five surcharges incurred during the month of March 2021 for the COD exceedances for Darigold Inc. Commissioner Schilperoort moved to approve; Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT: The Business Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m. peace and harmony prevailing.



Jim Grubenhoff, President

ATTEST:


Arnold Martin, Treasurer