

## Minutes of Meeting

**February 18, 2017**

This special meeting was called by Commissioner Dew to discuss the appeal of the NPDES permit requiring that Water and Wastewater Management Services be listed as a "CO-PERMITTEE".

Meeting open at February 18, 2017 at 2pm and was held at 2017 Belfair Bainbridge Island, WA 98111. Attendees were Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Tielman not present and excused, Commissioner Dew, John Poppe, Roan Blacker, Bob Thurston, Sheri Thurston.

Commissioner Dew summarized the conversation legal council Ken Bagwell.

1. John Poppe and Ken Bagwell met with the Department of Ecology February 10, 2017 in Bellevue, WA.
2. DOE cited numerous violations since 2012 that warranted the need to include Water and Wastewater Management Services (WWMS).
3. DOE has filed a motion for "Summary Judgement" with the Pollution Control Hearings Board.
4. DOE has the authority but didn't follow their own guidelines/procedures.
5. Based on the treatment plant violations discussed February 10, 2017 with DOE, the District is in a poor position to argue the co-permittee issue.
6. DOE cited violations at Port Gamble as a factor in their decision.

**7. Bagwell stated that Public Records Request (PRR) by Poppe is something the District could push with DOE.**

**Bob Thurston stated there have been clerical errors and factors beyond his control that resulted the violations. Poppe and Thurston stated that no "NOTICE OF VIOLATION" were on file or had been received by the District or WWMS. Thurston stated he was not aware of the violations.**

**Thurston stated that he had no problem being listed as a "CO-PERMITTEE".**

**Commissioner Lee moved to drop the appeal and Commissioner Dew seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Board directed the District Manager to have Bagwell draft a letter to the DOE requesting the Port Gamble violations be removed from their consideration and the lack of communication (NOV) between DOE and the District is not a good business practice.**

**Thurston stated the last time he inspected the tank was 5 years ago. Thurston stated that he would drain and clean both tanks. Expect sludge disposal costs to increase.**

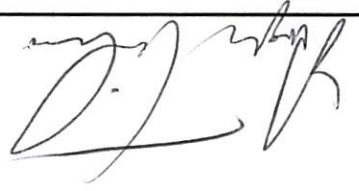
**WWMS contract will be reviewed and updated.**

**Poppe stated the PRR in August 2016 has not been responded to by DOE. Poppe will work with Bagwell to prepare a document for the Boards review.**

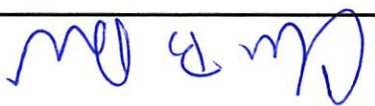
**Meeting Adjourned at 4pm with the next scheduled Board meeting March 9, 2017 at 7pm.**

Date: MARCH 9, 2017

Commissioner



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General Manager

