

KITSAP COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 7
Minutes of Meeting
December 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President Sarah Lee. Those in attendance were Commissioners Lee and Gayle Ashton; Engineer Mike Yuhl; and member of the public Don Ashton. Commissioner Art Bartel did not attend due to an excused absence.

The minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting were approved.

Vouchers 09-12-1 through 09-12-9 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Ashton swore in Commissioner Lee, who was reelected in the November election.

Old Business

1. Monthly sewer fees: After 20 years of no rate increases, the board of commissioners two years ago raised monthly rates by \$5. There was a discussion at the time of a higher rate increase, but the board voted for a more conservative \$5, and agreed to revisit the issue.

At November's meeting, there was discussion as to whether there is a need to increase the monthly service fees to make sure that there are funds available to cover the increased costs of electricity and maintenance of the plant and equipment. It was pointed out that original income projections for 2009 included some extra connections from the Lynwood Center area which would generate more income. Because of the economy, currently fee income is stagnant so income projections for 2010 are actually a little below 2009. At the November board meeting, during discussion of the budget for 2010, Manager Colleen Yuhl suggested that the amounts budgeted for management, engineering and legal all be reduced.

At the same time, the board is considering whether to raise the rates to \$45, which would still be the lowest rates in Kitsap County. Commissioner Lee agreed to write a flyer to be included in the January sewer bills to inform ratepayers of the issue, and to ask for any comments or questions before the board makes its decision by March.

1. 2010 Budget – Commissioners had reviewed the budget that District Manager Colleen Yuhl passed out at the November meeting. Commissioner Ashton made a motion to approve the budget; Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sarah Lee

President

Wayle B. Ashka, Commissioner

General President.