

KITSAP COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 7
Minutes of Meeting
February 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Lee at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Commissioners Lee, Gayle Ashton and Art Bartel; Engineer Mike Yuhl & Manager Colleen Yuhl. Members of the public were Chris & Tracy Dew and Cathy Grant.

The minutes of the January 2010 meeting were approved.

Vouchers 10-2-1 through 10-2-7 were approved for payment.

Financial Report: Colleen Yuhl passed out the end of the year 2009 Financial Report. There were increases in the electric bill, but the sludge disposal costs decreased significantly. There were also additional costs in the cost of repairs of equipment at the plant. This is the result of aging equipment. The 2010 budget included an increased figure for plant repairs.

She also reported that the final payment on ULID #2-F, 4 & 5 is due on March 1st. Gayle Ashton moved that we transfer a sum not to exceed \$17,000 from the operating account 91935 to account 91936 to pay off the loan. Seconded by Art Bartel and passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Sarah Lee opened the meeting to comments from the visitors. In lieu of the notice to customers that was included in the January billing that the Commissioners were considering raising the monthly fees from \$40 to \$45 per month, Cathy Grant questioned whether there was a way to save money on billing services by using the internet. Colleen explained the billing process and costs, and Cathy agreed that billing costs are pretty low, and it doesn't make sense at this time to change the process. She asked about the District's reason for raising the fees. Sarah Lee gave an overview of the plant development and the fact that maintenance and repair costs have increased due to the aging of the plant. She also explained that the District had anticipated additional fees from the Lynwood Center project, but that was put on hold.

There was some discussion about sale of the lot. Sarah Lee explained the circuitous legal process that sewer districts have to follow when selling public property. Colleen Yuhl will get estimates of value from real estate agents this spring with the thought that the lot will be put on the market again.

Since the Yuhls needed to leave, the remainder of the minutes were taken by Sarah Lee.

Old Business – Proposed Rate Increase: After more discussion about this issue, Art Bartel moved to raise the District's monthly fees from \$40 to \$45 per month, effective in April. Gayle Ashton seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Gayle Ashton suggested that the District include a notice of the fee increase in the next billing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Lee
President, Board of Commissioners

Gayle Ashton, Commissioner

Sarah Lee, President
Art Bartel, Commissioner