

# **Raymond - South Bend Regional Wastewater Coordinating Committee**

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## **RWCC**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

January 10, 2013

Raymond City Hall – 5:30 PM

- In attendance were Eric deMontigny, Dean Parsons, Patricia Neve, Bob Jungar, Jason Dunsmoor, Todd Stephens, Kirk Church, Jerry Bowman, and Jay Swift.
- Review and approval of November 29, 2012 meeting minutes
  - A motion to accept the final draft of the November 29, 2012 minutes was made by Jerry and seconded by Todd. The motion carried unanimously.
- Regional WWTP Project Update
  - Construction progress
    - Jay distributed photographs depicting progress at the equipment building, solids handling building, and the control building. Quality is seen as good. Progress is acceptable and on track.
    - Liquid stream substantial completion is still planned for March 8, 2013
  - Payment status
    - 79.1% of contract is complete. There are no outstanding or pending change orders. There is an estimated \$5 million left in grant money plus 20% of contract (5.6 million).
  - Change orders and potential construction issues
    - Jay reported that there are no new potential change orders or construction issues.
    - Kirk reported that the South Bend chlorinator was out again. He asked for confirmation that the changeover will occur soon. He was advised by Jay that changeover is scheduled for the first part of March and possibly late February. Jay will investigate and see if he can get a more firm date.
    - Kirk also reported that Al Bolinger (Ecology) was asking about the WWTP startup date. Jay said G&O would contact Al and give him an update.

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- There was a brief discussion about a grand opening ceremony. The majority of construction activities should be completed by late summer. The Willapa Festival takes place the first weekend in August which could be an opportune time for a grand opening ceremony. Jay will keep the RWCC up to date on progress.
- The O&M manual development is underway but not complete. Jay said he would give the RWCC an email update on status. The O&M is needed for startup..
- Biosolids removal / lagoon decommissioning
  - Update on South Bend WWTP decommissioning and habitat enhancement plan
    - Gray and Osborne received authorization from DOE in early December to proceed with the proposed Habitat Enhancement Plan.
    - A survey of 35 acres of the leased portion of the site was completed this week. This survey information will be used in plans being developed for the habitat decommissioning/habitat enhancement.
    - Ecology may be okay with leaving the sludge and converting the area into a habitat. This would require buy-in from the wetlands staff, as well as consulting with the Army Corps of Engineers and Fish and Wildlife. Jay will submit a plan to committee later this month. Requirements include:
      - Screening to remove manufactured inert matter and placing the biosolids back in the lagoon after screening
      - Planting cattails
      - Removing all equipment
      - Breaching the dikes, initially on the landward side, to allow an exchange of surface water and wetland formation
      - Public notice
    - Issues to resolve include
      - When do we screen and plant cattails?
      - Does screening require a permit or is it considered normal maintenance?
      - Use the cattails to uptake and harvest for a year or two.

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- Where does Weyerhaeuser come in?
- What about lagoons? The liner is still functional and will protect the surrounding areas until contents are stabilized. How many years would area need to be managed?
- Do we screen this year and remove sheet pile?
- What about the existing river crossing?
  - Can we cap both ends and leave it in place?
  - Can we fill it with sand?
  - Would it be useful in the future for storm water? Craig Zorra (DNR) has indicated that the river crossing will need to be removed.
  - It lies under 12 feet of sediment and would require excavation. That could cause more environmental harm than leaving it in place.
- After obtaining approvals the plans go to SEPA and through to public notice.
- Raymond decommissioning
  - G&O submitted plans last summer for class A and class B at new plant as well as lagoon decommissioning. To date there has been no formal response. G&O will pursue an answer by September in order to utilize grant money.
  - What about RD money? When does it go away? Jay will find out and advise.
  - Should we get a proposal for land fill operation to include:
    - Sludge characterization
    - Removal and disposal
    - Bid documentation
    - TCLP (Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Potential) testing for metals has not been performed in the past and is necessary the characterization for landfill disposal. Higher than acceptable TCLP levels would result in substantially higher disposal costs and possibly the need for treatment prior to disposal.
- Status of discussions with Weyerhaeuser
  - Karen Temen conceded to Kirk that they dropped the ball on the real estate appraisal issue. She said she will send a list of

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appraiser names to Jay by the end of the week. Gray and Osborne will request bids from appraisers and hire one as a sub-contractor. G&O will work with RD.

- A boundary survey probably will not be a requirement. Such a survey would cost substantially more as much of the property is under water.
- Other
  - Rebound, a watchdog action group, has asked for certified payroll records for the plumber sub-contractor. All records are on-site and other than the chore of copying them no problems are anticipated.
- Annual RWCC administrative actions
  - Review administrative action items.
  - If there are to be any changes in the RWCC membership new members' names are due by the March 2013 meeting.
  - Review the Bylaws to ensure our actions are consistent. Do they require clarification?
  - Nominations and voting for 2013 RWCC officers.
- Set next meeting – Feb 21, 2013 – Raymond City Hall – 5:30 PM
- Adjourn 7:00 PM