

RWCC MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTH BEND CITY HALL  
May 28, 2015

Those present were: Dennis Houk, Bunny Williams, Dean Parsons, Patricia Neve, Dominic Miller, Eric deMontigny, Todd Stephens, and Tom Zerkel

- Introductions – None necessary
- Review agenda – additional items for discussion – The agenda was approved by acclamation.
- Review and approval of April 30, 2015 meeting minutes – A motion to accept the minutes was made by Todd, seconded by Bunny and carried unanimously.
- Regional WWTP Update
  - Punch list status
    - Moisture with head works panels – there is still significant evidence of moisture inside several panels; including standing water within some panels. These panels are required to be NEMA 4X rated per the Contract and should be suitable for hose-down duty. There has been no response yet from the contractor.
    - Heater in Fine Screen Control Panel No. 1 – the thermostat controlled heater within this panel does not work and needs to be replaced. For reference, this panel contains the Hoffman 100-watt heater than has an integral rotary dial thermostat. The thermostat dial can be adjusted to its upper limit, which should kick on the heater; however, after 5-10 minutes, the heater does not put out any heat (a fan internal to the unit does turn on). In a similar fashion, the flat plate heaters in the other control panels at this location (which are controlled by remote thermostats) can also be adjusted to their upper limit and within a matter of 30 seconds, the heater becomes hot to the touch. It is believed that these heaters are only rated at 60 watts.
    - Fuel sump gasket – There may be settling issues with the fuel sump. These are not Rognlin's issues and are being investigated by G&O separately. However, in looking at the fuel containment sump (not the composite manhole lid cast into the fuel tank slab), it appears that the gasket around the lid was not installed properly. The gasket appears to have been set in a large bead of sealant and there is about one quarter of the circumference of the gasket that is rolled over within that sealant such that when the lid is fastened down, the gasket does not make

contact with the lid. The gasket needs to be removed, the surfaces cleaned and a new gasket installed per the manufacturer's requirements. Tom will check to see if the coupling in the fuel line is allowing the line to back out.

- Magnetic flow meter #6 –Many have looked at this issue and none have come up with an answer. Many fixes have been tried. Is the meter too big? Both meters have similar flows and the same type of sludge. It was suggested that the meter be proved to work and that it is not an installation problem. This can be accomplished by a jumper to the meter. If it needs to be replaced, is it the electrician's responsibility? Do we take the cost of the meter out of what is owed to them?
- Monitoring settlement points
  - Some movement continues. G&O is in conversation with the geotechnical engineer (SuTan from PanGeo). Looking at August/September for paving.
  - Continue to monitor every 3 months
  - Do overlay in late fall this year or spring next year – later is better – more beneficial from a serviceable standpoint. The asphalt is meeting driveways, etc. Has the 9-1/2 inches of material for road base exacerbated settling in some spots? There was no clear response on this question. Fill is settling away from buildings; the sidewalks are free floating with some hollow spots G&O remains confident that piping mitigation is okay. G&O feels that the geotechnical engineer has all of the information he needs; additional subsurface investigations are not needed.
- South Bend Lagoon decommissioning
  - Bid Results
    - The Engineer's Estimate was lower than the low bid (Rognlin's) by \$175,985. G&O attributed the difference to the Ecology requirements that were inserted late in the development of the plans and specifications, and that the methods and processes to be used in this project have not been done before – either by the contractors or Ecology. The unknowns apparently resulted in the contractors preferring to err on the side of caution, which was not fully accounted for in the Engineer's Estimate.
    - The spread between the three bidders was fairly tight, with a difference of \$52,267 (7%) between the lowest bid (Rognlin's) and the highest bid (Pacific Crest).
    - Quigg Brothers came in pretty much in the middle.

- There was a substantial discrepancy in grubbing item – Rognlin’s bid line item was quite low compared to the other bidders. Their strategy was questioned but in the end, grubbing is what it is and the bid stands.
  - RD has been contacted about an additional loan with a 5% contingency. The group questioned if there would be changes or additional requirements from Ecology that would require a larger contingency.
  - The award is contingent upon RWCC, RD, and City of Raymond approval.
  - A motion to accept the low bid and proceed with the project was made by Bunny, seconded by Todd, and carried unanimously.
  - Funding Update – The application has been filled out and sent to Hester awaiting the Mayor’s signature. The signed application will be forwarded to Debbie Harper. The funds are there and we should be able to put this through within two months. We await more information from RD as to the next steps.
- South Bend Central Avenue Project Update
  - CDBG gave approval last week to go out to bid. G&O has reviewed the plans with Dennis. This will not be an easy project. G&O is updating the 2012 permit. After finalizing the plans and specs we could be ready to advertise as early as next week. The existing sewer pipe is laid at the bottom of the storm culvert and its removal is preferred in order to improve the hydraulic efficiency of the culvert. Removal of the sewer pipe will be listed as a separate bid item. The group also discussed removal and disposal of the pipe, possible salvage value. It was noted that the access ports are 18” diameter instead of 24”, which will complicate extraction of the sewer pipe,
  - Reminder that this is a South Bend project only.
- Other:
  - Developments at the Port of Willapa Harbor
    - Dean received their plan and is waiting for them to pick up the amended plan. Nothing yet.
    - Engineer for port will visit Dean’s office tomorrow about utilities. Is there any grant funding available? Our position is that any grant funding would be for the Port’s industrial infrastructure – NOT the business(es) that own or lease property at the Port.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:35 PM – 6:38 PM
  - To discuss any matter suitable for Executive Session under RCW 42.30.11
- Schedule next meeting – July 9<sup>th</sup> – Raymond – 5:30 PM

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- Adjourn 6:46 PM

Final Revision