

**MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2015  
Raymond City Hall**

Meeting called to order at 5:40 PM. Present were Dominic Miller, Bunny William, Jason Dunsmoor, Eric deMontigny, Dean Parsons, Julie Struck, Patricia Neve, and Todd Stephens.

- Introductions – None necessary
- Review agenda – Agenda approved
- Review and approval of January 8, 2015 meeting minutes - A motion to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting was made by Jason, seconded by Todd, and carried unanimously.
- Regional WWTP Update
  - A few punch list items remain: Hypochlorite system; digester air header; HMI in the basement; O&M Manual
  - Landscaping is complete.
- Lagoon decommissioning
  - Raymond sludge dewatering (closeout update)
    - The dewatering project has been closed out.
  - South Bend update
    - G&O Report on Current Status
      - Lagoon Decommissioning:
        - River Undercrossing: G&O's engineer Eric Noah spoke with DNR's Abby Barnes on January 9<sup>th</sup>. DNR has had a change of mind regarding the removal of the undercrossing pipe. They no longer require its removal. As abandoning the crossing changes its status to an easement with DNR, the City of South Bend would be charged a yearly easement fee. The initial fee is expected to be around \$100/year. DNR said the amount of this fee will increase over time due to the perceived risk of something happening to the pipe.
        - Outfall: At this point DNR requires the removal of the outfall; however, this is negotiable if investigation

suggests that removing the outfall would cause a greater environmental impact than leaving it. Julie and South Bend City Supervisor Dennis Houk traveled to the outfall site at a low tide and were unable to even find the pipe. It appears to be buried under much mud. There was speculation as to when sewage actually last ran through the outfall. Eric Noah will contact Abby Barnes and ask what DNR needs to prove that removal of the outfall would result in degradation that would outweigh any benefit. DNR continues their internal discussions. G&O is working with Rognlins to determine what it would take to remove the outfall and how it would impact the area. That information would be used in a letter to DNR in which the City would ask for a release from DNR.

- Permitting:
  - DOE's Jamie Olivarez has received final comments from Rich Mraz and WSU biosolids expert Craig Cogger, PhD. The comments include the recommendation that the City consult with Ecology if the return-to-nature plan does not work out in three years.
  - Jamie is concerned that the low nitrogen content will not appeal to farmers. Dr. Cogger will be key in easing his concerns. Upon Jamie's buy-in DOE will issue a letter of coverage under a general permit. At that time a 30-day Public Notice would be filed during which time the plans and specs would be finalized. Jamie has assured G&O that he understands the urgency and that this is at the top of his priority list.
- Material in area of lagoons – The plan to handle the lagoon material follows the plan submitted in December 2014.
- Funding – Additional funding with RD would be an amendment which would extend the contract. The two City Mayors will check with their respective City Clerks to determine if they have contacted Debbie Harper with RD.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION

- To discuss any matter suitable for Executive Session under RCW 42.30.11
- Executive session began at 6:05 and closed at 6:18

- Other:

- Developments at the Port of Willapa Harbor

- The Greenhouse manager (Taylor Industrial Park area) sent a low pressure sewer system plan to the City and presented it to the Port of Willapa Board of Commissioners. The plan that was presented calls for pumping wastewater from the Taylor Industrial Park into the City of Raymond's gravity sewer, which flows to Raymond Pump Station 14. The estimated flow would be 150 gallons per day per installation; however, that area suffers from excessive I&I. The City told the Port Director that zero I&I can be accepted into the system. While the estimated flow is low, how will it change as the installation ramps up? There is also the question of insecticides. The levels are not known at this time.
- South Bend Central Avenue Project Update
  - The City signed paperwork for a CDBG. There is an agreement with G&O to proceed with permitting and final design and the NEPA process. Reports of previous investigations are suitable for use in the final design and to allow going ahead with filing the FONSI. A WASDOT permit was previously issued but had to be stopped when funding fell through. That permit cannot be used as this is now a Federal project rather than a State project. The plan is to prepare the bid documents in time for construction to begin this summer.
  - The January 5th flooding issues made apparent the need to remove the existing sewer from inside the arch. Eric's concern is that it is reducing hydraulic capacity of drainage system. The problem is that it is difficult to remove. Several alternatives were discussed, but the consensus is that it needs to be demolished and/or removed. G&O's existing plan does not include removing the pipe but they G&O investigate. Perhaps it could be included in the bid package as a separate schedule of work. The composition of the pipe is ductile iron.
- Schedule next meeting – March 19<sup>th</sup> at Raymond City Hall
- Adjourn – 6:42