

PORT COSTA SANITARY COMMISSION

of the Crockett Community Services District

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairperson Surges. Present were Commissioners Cusack, Klaiber and List, along with Dept. Manager Barnhill, Assistant District Secretary Witschi and Administrative Services Manager Gunkelman. Commissioner Scheer was absent.
2. AGENDA ORDER: There were no requests to hear agenda items out of order.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
4. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- 5.a. SELF-MONITORING REPORTS: Mr. Barnhill reported no exceedances or spills for the entire year of 2020.
- 5.b. DISTRICT BOARD ACTIONS: None
- 6.a. FINANCIAL REPORT: The monthly statement of Department finances was examined by the Commission. Mr. Gunkelman reported a cash conversion of \$136,740.68.
- 6.b. 7-MONTH BUDGET REPORT: The commission reviewed the 7-month budget report. No further questions or comments.
7. SMOKE TESTING RESULTS: Mr. Barnhill reported he emailed the smoke testing results to all the Commissioners last month. Mr. Barnhill said he will leave it up to the commission to let him know when to send out the letters regarding the smoke testing results. He will draft the letter and email it to the commission to look over and discuss in March. Commissioner Surges said May 1 might be the best time to mail out the letters. Mr. Barnhill said he will start to get proposals from contractors on the little issues like spot repairs.
- 8.a. STAFF REPORT ON OPERATIONS: Mr. Barnhill reported the scum layer in the tank is at or above 12-14 inches deep. He said it's at that point where it needs to be pumped out again; otherwise we are going to start having a carry through to the chamber. The sludge layer is up to a foot already and we are talking roughly a calendar year to gain a foot of sludge. He thought we would be able to last five years between sludge pump outs but we might not be able to do that. He will talk with the operators and start to accelerate our monitoring and try to narrow down how many inches per month we are gaining. Commissioner List asked if you pump out of the tank would it pay for us to invest in a vacuum truck. Mr. Barnhill said it can be pretty expensive to purchase and maintain a vacuum truck. Commissioner List asked how often the operators inspect the tank. Mr. Barnhill said every month. He said the best thing we can do is just attack it and pump it all out, get the equipment we need, and just get it done. He said we might be able to get it done within one shot with a couple decent size trucks. He said West County Wastewater was very helpful last time and they were the last ones to pump out the chamber for us.

8.b. STAFF REPORT ON GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS: None

8.c. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

9. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None

10. CONSENT CALENDAR: The consent items were approved unanimously (tc/tl):

- a. Approve Minutes of January 6, 2021.
- b. Receive Status Report on outstanding items.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- Review draft smoke testing letter (March).
- Discuss Port Costa school sewer system.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM until March 10, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Witschi

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February 11, 2021