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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairperson Surges. Present were Commissioners Cusack and Scheer, along with Dept. Manager Barnhill and Assistant Secretary Witschi. Also present was Director Kirker. Commissioner List arrived later and Commissioner Klaiber 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 REPORT: Mr. Barnhill reported no exceedances in September 2020.
- 5.b. DISTRICT BOARD ACTIONS: No report.
- 5.c. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS: Mr. Barnhill presented a Notice of Violation (NOV) door notice for unresolved sewer lateral issues. He said this would be used in addition to the NOV mailed to the property owner. He said there are a couple dozen properties in Port Costa that have unresolved issues. A motion to approve the door Notice to be posted on properties as a supplement to the Notice of Violation carried by consensus.
- 5.d. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021: A motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2021 carried unanimously (as/tc).
- 5.e. APPOINT OFFICERS FOR 2021: A motion to nominate Joe Surges as Chairperson and Tom Cusack as Vice-Chairperson carried unanimously (as/tc).
6. FINANCIAL REPORT: The monthly statement of Department finances was examined by the Commission. No further report.
7. SMOKE TESTING PROPOSAL: Mr. Barnhill reported the daily rate for smoke testing is \$3,960.00. He said L.R. Paulsell might be able to do more testing the same day depending on the conditions. Commissioner List arrived at 7:31 pm. Commissioner Scheer asked staff if this is a part of the system you have already TV'd. Mr. Barnhill said this section of the system has not been TV'd. He said the portion up Erskine is newer pipe and could be a potential for inflow. He said this will also show illegal connections and if owners have bad plumbing inside their home. Commissioner Scheer asked how will we know who is being smoke tested on that line. Mr. Barnhill said properties that are affected will receive a letter in the mail as well as a door notice. Commissioner Scheer asked if staff could place a description of homes affected and post on the bulletin board in town. She thinks it's a good idea so everyone knows what's going on. Mr. Barnhill also said the contractor will notify the Fire Department.

8.a. STAFF REPORT ON OPERATIONS: Mr. Barnhill reported there was a power outage at the Treatment Plant last week and the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) failed. He said the generator was running but the PLC was not controlling the pumps. Telstar was out today and brought the PLC back up online and they were able to recover data. Mr. Barnhill said he is still waiting to speak with Valley Operators. Commissioner List asked if Telstar is the company that replaced the battery. Mr. Barnhill said Telstar is one of the only companies available to do instrumentation logic panels. Commissioner List said when Rudy and he went down to the plant he diagnosed the dead battery and why things wouldn't start. He said he could see it was a dead battery when he put voltage meters on it but in case something has to be reset he was going to defer because there was so much electronic equipment attached to it. He asked if it had been tested and demonstrated operational after they put the battery in it. Mr. Barnhill said they replaced the generator and then they test it. Nick from Valley Operators said there might be an issue with their battery backup. Mr. Barnhill said he asked Nick to replace it and not to have Telstar replace the battery because they will markup the price. Director Kirker said Telstar bills in four hour increments and staff has never found anyone else who can do this type of work.

8.b. STAFF REPORT ON GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS: None

8.c. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

9. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Scheer said Mr. Kirker and Commissioner Cusack met at the Port Costa School last week with Mr. Wagner to dye test the line. She said it didn't show much because nothing appeared in the sewer. Mr. Wilson from the Port Costa Conservation Society was also in attendance and he has contacted Fernando at Sewer Works who worked on the line. Fernando is going to TV and trace the lines coming out of the school and try to figure out where everything is going. Director Kirker said they did see when Mr. Wagner flushed his toilet. It did come to the cleanout and it stayed there. He said there was no other movement from the school. They ran the water for over an hour and pulled the manhole cover at the intersection and it never hit the manhole. Commissioner Scheer will contact everyone when Fernando from Sewer Works will be out in Port Costa.

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

- a. Approve Minutes of October 14, 2020.
- b. Receive Status Report on outstanding issues.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss Port Costa school sewer system.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM until December 2, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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