

MOUNTAIN GREEN SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 P.M., Thursday, June 4, 2009

Board Members Present: Ron Lawson, Tina Kelley, Wendy Eliason, Shane Rice and Lynn Peterson. Excused: Lannie Jolley and Blair Larsen. Others Present: Dennis Baldwin and Janet Boudrero.

Invocation: Dennis Baldwin

Chair: As our Board Chairman, Lannie Jolley, was excused and our Co-Chair was not present at the beginning of our scheduled meeting, Ron Lawson was more than willing to chair this meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Item # 1. Discussion: Facility Tour

Board members were finally able to take their long-awaited tour and become more familiar with the 'mysteries' that abound at our very own treatment plant and what really does happen after that toilet is flushed. Dennis explained the different processes that treat wastewater and it was especially interesting to learn of the many different forms of life and plants that can thrive in the lagoons, especially the floating duck weed and larger floating 'herbs' that Dennis termed 'cilantro'.

I think most of us were somewhat amazed that there was not a more noticeable odor. This must be a sign of how efficient our plant is.

Item# 2. Discussion / Decision: Purchase of a 35 KW Generator and Transfer Switch.

Wendy inquired about the need for a backup generator at the site. Dennis explained that, when the facility was built in 1989, a half-mile long, direct-bury power line was run from the control room to the lift station at 5875 West Old Highway Road. When the main power went down, the backup generator would supply power for both the main lift station and the smaller lift station. This long line was severed during construction of the high pressure gas line and was never repaired properly. A set of transformers was installed at the lift station to provide main power, but this left the station without backup power. The wet well has capacity for several hours of inflow, but wastewater will eventually overflow a manhole west of the station and run into an adjacent field. Now that the District has purchased an adjacent plot of property, a backup generator can be placed at the site. The discussion / decision is whether the natural-gas fueled generator proposed should be purchased and from which dealer it should be purchased.

Tina inquired if our current budget allocates funds for this purchase. Dennis explained that the budget allocates up to \$45,000 for the whole upgrade project and that this package would cost less than \$12,000. A full-service, local dealer would charge about \$400 more for the unit than a Michigan dealer, but he considers the service available from the local dealer to be well worth the relatively small extra amount.

Shane and Tina both questioned whether the District would receive better product service by purchasing from a local firm. Dennis said he considers that the goodwill associated with the purchase will help in the event that service is needed.

After more discussion by Board members, Tina made a motion that we direct Dennis to order the proposed 35KW Generator and Transfer Switch as discussed in the meeting. Motion seconded by Wendy. All voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Item # 3. Discussion: Headworks Bids.

Board members reviewed the updates on this item as bids are scheduled to be opened Friday, June 5th at AQUA Engineering offices at 2:00 P.M.

Lynn inquired how much money will be required for the new Headworks. Dennis indicated that it would be about a half-million dollars.

Item # 4. Discussion: Monte Verde Lift Station Upgrade.

Dennis explained that the County Planning Office is seriously hampered by the release of Sherrie Christensen. The upgrade parcel is zoned 'Commercial' and there is no 'Permitted Use' for a sanitary sewer facility in a commercial zone, which is a surprising oversight, especially since the system was installed in 1989. The Planning Office is striving to remedy the situation but the result is that the County will not issue a construction permit until the Planning Commission recommends approval of a Conditional Use and the Council actually approves the Conditional Use. After the approval, the County will accept the request for a construction permit. This process has been going on since April and will continue into July at least.

Item # 5. Discussion: Website Content.

The Board agreed to wait for Lannie's input on this item.

Item # 6. Discussion: Construction Progress and Plant Operations.

Dennis briefly updated the Board on the current construction progress and plant operations.

Item # 7. Discussion: District Statistics.

Board members briefly reviewed the financial data for the District. Tina expressed concern over tracking the Advance Funding on lots that the developer wants converted to Impact Fees. Dennis noted that he had talked with the auditor about the best way to track Gardner Development's conversions for particular lots. In addition to recording them in the manual log and on a computer spreadsheet, the auditor recommended that they be reported as income.

Item #8. Discussion / Decision: Review of May 7 Minutes.

After Board review of the minutes from May 7, 2009, Tina made a motion to approve minutes as written. Lynn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjourned 9:10 P.M.

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