

MOUNTAIN GREEN SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Minutes for the Board of Trustees Meeting
7:00 P.M., Thursday, February 3, 2011

Board Members Present: Blair Larsen, Tina Kelley, Wendy Eliason, Mark Devoe and Mary Hazard. Excused: Lynn Peterson and Shane Rice.
Others Present: Dennis Baldwin and Janet Boudrero

Invocation: Janet Boudrero

Chair: Wendy Eliason welcomed those present and chaired this meeting.

Item # 1. Discussion / Decision: Reviewing the Shupe Letter

Wendy read the draft letter to Ms. Shupe, which proposes two options to mitigate the sewer tax issue. Board members discussed the letter at some length.

The first option would be to apply the sewer taxes toward the Impact Fees. Mark suggested that the first sentence be clarified to read: "The District could credit the sewer taxes paid by you and your non-connected neighbors toward the Impact Fee charged to new users when or if they connect." Mary also made a suggestion to include the term "future" when referring to "the [future] sewer taxes paid by you and your non-connected neighbors toward the Impact Fee charged to new users when they connect."

With regard to the second option, Tina questioned whether the stated \$1000 figure toward the cost of de-annexation was per household, because the way it is worded is ambiguous and could possibly be interpreted that way. Dennis said that the \$1000 would be the maximum for the whole group and agreed to clarify the wording.

Blair asked about the origin of the \$1000 amount that the District would agree to pay toward the de-annexation. Dennis stated that he thinks it is a reasonable figure given our recent experience regarding annexation. Tina explained that the primary expense would be the licensed surveyor and county surveyor costs required to obtain an approved legal description of the properties,

After more discussion, Mark made a motion that the letter with recommended clarifications be approved and sent to Ms. Betty Shupe. Mary seconded the motion. Motion passed. All voted in the affirmative.

Item # 2. Discussion: District Operations

In the agenda for the meeting, Dennis reviewed several incidents affecting collection and treatment operations in the District and the Board discussed some of these incidents in some detail.

The variable frequency drive (VFD) for blower number two failed to restart the blower after it had shut down due to excessive current draw, and the automated system switched to VFD number three. VFD number two will need more troubleshooting to identify and fix this problem if it persists.

The 350 KW generator failed to start during its weekly exercise period, apparently because the intense cold caused the diesel fuel to gel somewhat. The technician called in also found and resolved a problem with a block heater control. Two hundred gallons of the lighter grade of fuel with anti-gel additive were added to the 400 gallons in the tank, which should prevent recurrence of the problem this year. Future fuel purchases will include anti-gel additive.

The District took delivery of six, 5-gallon pails of biological agent that will be metered into the Monte Verde lift station over a six-month period to determine whether the treatment benefits outweigh the cost of the additive.

In the middle of January, the District experienced a huge inflow of water due to melting snow and rainwater. In anticipation of such an event, we had opened the 20-inch bypass valve to allow this volume of water to flow around the barrier and thus to prevent failure of the barrier restraints.

It was also noted that the backup generator at the Monte Verde lift station is finally in operation.

Item # 3. Discussion / Decision: Force Main Failure.

Dennis informed Board members that Calvin Poll reported a water leak about 300 feet east of the lift station. Investigation found that it was due to a leak in the four-inch force main that carries pumped wastewater from the lift station some 1300 feet to a gravity manhole at Poll Drive and Old Highway Road. Dirk Purser was called in to make equipment and traffic control arrangements and to repair the break. Excavation revealed two corroded holes in the pipe, probably due to damage of the glassy pipe coating at the time of installation in 1989. Other than these nearly adjacent corroded areas the exposed section (a little over ten feet) showed no corrosion or rust at all. Dirk cut out the damaged section and replaced it with heavy grade PVC pipe.

Item # 4. Discussion: District Statistics

The Board briefly reviewed the financial status of the District, which continues to be sound.

Item # 5. Discussion / Decision: Review and approval of January 6, 2011 Minutes.

After review of the January 6, 2011 minutes, Tina made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjourned: 8:00 P.M.

Signed: _____