

SOUTH FORK WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 8, 2007

Board Members Present: Norm King, West Linn Mayor, Chair
Alice Norris, Oregon City Mayor, Vice Chair
Scott Burgess, West Linn Councilor
Damon Mabee, Oregon City Commissioner
Daphne Wuest, Oregon City Commissioner

Board Members Absent: Mike Gates, West Linn Councilor

Staff Present: John Collins, SFWB General Manager
Kim Brown, SFWB Staff

Others Present: Kim Anderson, Sunrise Water Authority

General Board Meeting

(1) Call to Order

Chair King called the meeting of the South Fork Water Board to order at 6:15 p.m.

(2) Public Comments

No public comments

(3) Consent Agenda - Approval of minutes of the October 11, 2007 South Fork Water Board Meeting.

Board Member Burgess suggested adding the following clarification to the motion on page two, paragraph six:the Board *“offers”* the aforementioned suggestions to the South Fork Water Board letter of interest to the City of Lake Oswego *“and that the letter be reviewed and signed by the Chair before sending.”*

Board Member Burgess added that on page five, paragraph 11, the motion should read:...to approve the Clackamas River Basin Council *“removing”* the unused section of pipeline, not *“to removal”*.

Chair King said the on page six, paragraph 6, should read: there would be at least two “meetings” per year, not “meeting”.

Board Member Mabee moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2007 Board meeting with the above changes. **Vice Chair Norris** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0. Ayes: Wuest, Mabee, Burgess, Norris, King; Nays: None.**

(4) Presentation on Water Reuse – Kim Anderson, Reclaimed Water Project Manager, Sunrise Water Authority.

John Collins introduced Kim Anderson, Reclaimed Water Project Manager for Sunrise Water Authority and is the reuse (purple pipe) authority in Multnomah County.

Kim Anderson gave a presentation on beneficial (non drinking water) reuse of water in Oregon.

(5) Legal Services Contract with Laura Schroeder Law Offices.

John Collins said that in last month’s executive session meeting, the Board elected to extend the contract with Schroeder law offices for an additional two year period. Some changes were suggested by Board Member Burgess and were incorporated into the contract. The contract, with changes, was sent to Laura Schroeder’s office for approval and was approved by Laura Schroeder’s office manager. Mr. Collins said he is recommending that the Board extend the contract for legal services with Laura Schroeder for two years.

Chair King commented that on page four, the date of the referenced resolution needs to be entered.

Vice-Chair Norris asked if the changes suggested by Board Member Burgess were substantive.

Board Member Burgess replied that there were some sections of the contract that left the General Manager out of the loop and he inserted the General Manager into those sections, and also changed references from the Chair to the Board. There was nothing substantive in terms of policy or legal in any of the changes.

Vice Chair Norris moved to approve the Legal Services contract with Laura Schroeder Law Offices for an additional two-year period. **Board Member Burgess** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0. Ayes: Wuest, Mabee, Burgess, Norris, King; Nays: None.**

(6) Public Stipend for Participation in Water Quality Sampling Program

John Collins explained that South Fork Water Board is currently participating in the Corrosion Control Plan that has been accepted by the State of Oregon. As part of this plan, five of the tier-one homes that exceeded the lead action level in the last round of sampling

will be asked to participate in six additional rounds of non-compliance sampling. These residents will be asked to provide samples approximately every 30 to 45 days for a total of six sample rounds. It would be nice to thank these residents for their effort and to ensure their cooperation by giving them a reward of \$120 for completing all six rounds of sampling. This works out to \$20 per sample. Although this is within the discretionary spending of the General Manager, since South Fork has never paid residents for sampling before, it seemed appropriate to bring this issue to the Board for consideration.

Board Member Wuest moved to approve the public stipend for participation in the water quality sampling program. Board Member Burgess seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0. Ayes: Wuest, Mabee, Burgess, Norris, King; Nays: None.

Board Member Burgess asked if a resident does not follow through all six rounds, would they get paid for the samples they do take.

John Collins responded that a resident would need to complete all six rounds to receive the stipend.

(7) Update on Regional Issues

John Collins explained that Clackamas River Water recently elected four new Board members that took office in July 2007. This Board is in the process of reviewing all contracts approved by their past Board and at their meeting tonight they are revisiting the Clackamas River Water Providers IGA.

John Collins said the group involved in the proposed Willamette River supply discussions has scheduled a first meeting for early December 2007.

(8) Business from the Manager

John Collins provided an update on the South Fork reservoir project. Construction design is nearing 90 percent and the land use hearing is scheduled for December 10, 2007. The only local feedback received so far on the project is from one of our neighbors, Terry Parker, who would like to have all of the South Fork dirt that will be removed during construction to fill in an area on her property (across the street from the treatment plant). The CH2MHill engineers designing the reservoir are working with her and checking permitting. This could be a significant savings for South Fork since the cost to have the dirt hauled away would be as high as \$6.00 per yard, verses approximately \$2.00 per yard to move it across the street.

Board Member Mabee asked if there would be any cost recovery in moving the dirt across the street, and if not, could the dirt be kept on South Fork property and used to build berms.

John Collins replied there would not be any cost recovery. The engineers have also looked into keeping the dirt on site. It is a complicated issue and they recommended that the easiest and most cost effective option is to remove it.

John Collins said that last month the Board was given copies (on cd) of a guidance manual from King County and the University of Washington on climate change. Some ideas in the manual have fostered staff discussions on solar and hydro options at the treatment plant. We have begun looking at solar options and the movement of water through the plant that might make it feasible to pursue energy alternatives. For example, at the treatment plant there is a section of pipe from the basin where the water goes through a six foot drop in elevation where it might be possible to place a turbine to generate energy and sell it back to the power company.

Board Member Burgess mentioned that West Linn is going through a micro-hydro project to tap into elevation changes between storage tanks.

John Collins said that he and Laura Schroeder have met with Dwight French (Oregon Water Resources Department) and have gotten a heads-up on what the proposed final orders will be like on South Fork's water right extensions.

Laura Schroeder added that Dwight French; an engineer by training and one of the assistant directors; is in charge of these extensions. Mr. French said that they had finished everything and it is now with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW). Mr. Collins, to his credit, caught language pertaining to release of water from Timothy Lake that placed conditions of South Fork's use of green light water. The proposed final orders should be published in January if not before.

John Collins added that an upshot is that there will not be language in the proposed final orders that will cause contention in the basin.

Laura Schroeder said the language in the proposed final orders will not talk about priorities. If the South Fork extensions are opposed by WaterWatch, we may want to talk about priorities then.

Chair King asked if our rate structure has anything to do with whether we have block rates or not.

John Collins said that WaterWatch may demand that block rates (also known as conservation rates) are used by the Cities of Oregon City and West Linn.

Board Member Burgess added that both Chair King and he have been pushing to incorporate a block rate structure in the City of West Linn. What is a reasonable timeline for a city to look at changing their rate structure?

John Collins said that when South Fork asks for green light water, a block rate structure will likely need to be in place. If WaterWatch is not successful in implementing the block rate structure before then, they will get it in the green light process.

Board Member Burgess asked if that means the Cities would have two to three years to implement a block rate structure.

Laura Schroeder responded yes, and on the question of when, either the rates get taken care of before there is a hearing so there is no condition, or they become a condition on the green

light water. So, the two to three year period would be if the rate structure change is a condition, and to avoid a condition the rate structure could be changed sooner.

Laura Schroeder offered to provide time frames for (implementing block rate structures) the Commission and Council.

John Collins said that a couple of weeks ago he was invited and attended a meeting with Metro to talk about infrastructure needs to handle future population growth in this area. It was an interesting workshop focused on transportation, utility corridors and urban reserves. Water providers were asked to participate and Metro will also be sending out a survey for water providers to complete. Overall, most of the water treatment industry in Clackamas County is well prepared with master plans and infrastructure.

Vice Chair Norris said that in the discussion group (elected officials) she attended a major concern was the age and quality of pipes in the ground, specifically; in some places in the State, there is still wood pipe in the ground that is failing.

John Collins reminded the Board that in the June 2007 Board meeting, the Board agreed to revisit the General Manager's evaluation and compensation after a six month period.

Board Member Mabee commented that since the Board generally does not have a December meeting, this issue could either be put off until January 2008 or possibly could look at it now.

John Collins said that he wanted to make sure that he had captured what the Board had asked of him. Mr. Collins said that he has been pursued professional and managerial training in workshop and through audio/video; and he has provided increased education and training opportunities for Board members.

Board Member Mabee said he really appreciated getting more information on the bigger picture; for example the presentation tonight by Kim Anderson on water reuse was good to know. Board Member Mabee concluded that he feels much more in the loop this year and he thinks that Mr. Collins is doing a good job.

Board Member Burgess said he would like to continue to see more presentations that would help the Board. Particularly concerning where South Fork is going in the future; who will do the water master plan; where should we be moving in terms of climate change and in terms of growth. It is important to be thinking about something beyond tomorrow.

Board Member Mabee added that past presentations on the fluoride issue were great.

Vice Chair Norris said that we should be preparing for when water is \$100 a barrel.

John Collins asked if the Board was okay with the time spent at meetings for educational presentations.

Board Member Burgess commented that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to know as much as possible and even when there is not enough business to hold a meeting, the Board should take advantage of the time allotted and have an educational presentation or discussion.

Chair King asked how Board members would like to proceed and it was agreed to meet in executive session in January to follow-up on the General Manager's performance evaluation.

Board Member Burgess suggested there should always be an executive session on the agenda. The Board would not have to use it, but it would be there in case it was needed.

Laura Schroeder confirmed it is okay to do that.

(9) Business from the Board

None.

(10) Adjourn Meeting

The November 8, 2007 meeting of the South Fork Water Board adjourned at 7:58 p.m.