

SOUTH FORK WATER BOARD  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
July 9, 2009

Board Members Present: Patti Galle, West Linn Mayor, Chair  
Alice Norris, Oregon City Mayor, Vice-Chair  
Jody Carson, West Linn Councilor  
Daphne Wuest, Oregon City Commissioner  
Scott Burgess, West Linn Councilor  
Rocky Smith, Oregon City Commissioner

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Collins, SFWB General Manager

Others Present: Laura Schroeder, South Fork Attorney, Schroeder Law Offices  
Alice Richmond, West Linn Resident  
Janelle Sisson, Gladstone Resident

**General Board Meeting**

**(1) Call to Order**

**Chair Galle** called the meeting of the South Fork Water Board to order at 7:15 p.m.

**(2) Public Comments**

No public comments.

**(3) Consent Agenda**

(A). Approval of the Minutes of the May 14, 2009 Board Meeting

**Board Member Carson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**(4) Executive Session-Recess Regular Meeting and Convene Executive Session**

(A). To review and evaluate, pursuant to standards, criteria, and policy directive adopted by the South Fork Water Board, the employment related performance of the General Manager pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(i).

**Chair Galle** recessed the regular meeting to convene the Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.

**(5) Reconvene Regular meeting to take any action necessary as determined in Executive Session.**

**Chair Galle** reconvened the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m. and called for a motion.

**Board Member Burgess moved to extend General Manager John Collin's contract to December 31, 2015, grant a 3.45% COLA increase for this year effective July 1, 2009, and grant a one-time bonus of \$3,000 in recognition of the**

**unique or peculiar accomplishments of this year in terms of dealing with South Fork's water right extensions, capital projects and litigation regarding collection to the benefit of both the Oregon City and West Linn communities and to South Fork Water Board. Vice-Chair Norris seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 6-0. Ayes: Galle, Norris, Wuest, Burgess, Carson, Smith; Nays: None.**

**(6) Business from the Manager**

**John Collins, General Manager**, demonstrated the video surveillance system that was purchased and installed with a grant received from Special Districts Association of Oregon. The Board viewed live video feeds, including views from the intake and Division St Pump stations. Video was being digitally recorded in real time, capturing three frames per second. The system and video feeds could be accessed via the Internet. A fifth camera would be installed at the Clackamas River to allow water and flood conditions to be seen. He noted an area where a camera was installed due to vandalism activity. Staff will now be able to report any unauthorized activity to the Clackamas County sheriff's office.

1) AWWA 2009 ACE Conference

**Mr. Collins** reported that Chair Galle, Board Members Carson and Smith, and SFWB Attorney Laura Schroeder had all attended the AWWA 2009 ACE Conference and would receive course completion certificates. He believed the education and social networking provided added value to the conference and invited those who had attended to share their experiences.

**Board Member Smith** said he was grateful to have attended and had also shared his experience about the conference with the West Linn Planning Commission. It was helpful not only to learn more about how water treatment processing worked and to see the technology, but to also learn more about other important issues like water rates, membranes, and conservation. He also enjoyed getting to know others in the group from South Fork.

**Board Member Carson** agreed the education was helpful, as well as gaining a broader understanding of the water plant process. Learning about challenges that other communities faced made her realize that how fortunate South Fork was. She appreciated hearing more about tiered rates, which was currently being considered by the City of West Linn.

**Vice-Chair Norris** added that Oregon City was also interested in learning more about tiered rates and inquired about having a presentation to see what West Linn was doing.

**Board Member Burgess** responded that West Linn should be having a presentation on tiered rates fairly soon and invited the Oregon City Commissioners to attend.

**Board Member Carson** continued that since she knew the City of West Linn was considering tiered rates she spent a lot of time picking others' brains about how

tiered rates were working in their cities. A gentleman she spoke with (and asked to communicate with Mr. Collins) said his city had experienced huge success by maintaining or reducing the current water rate for conservative users, which was something West Linn was considering. Prudent water users would not see a rate increase, while those using a lot of water would. She agreed it was nice to get to know everyone as well as to network with others.

**Laura A. Schroeder, SFWB Attorney** said this was the first time AWWA had offered that as a class. It had been difficult to pick and choose between different classes at previous AWWA conferences because of their more engineering and technical nature. This year's approach was nice because everyone was either a public official or a board member, so there was a lot of sharing.

**Chair Galle** noted that the UAB would be talking about the rate structure. She shared that her experience at the conference was a bit different. The first day was very enjoyable. A basic overview was provided and the puzzle activity featuring a water plant's components and operation was educational. Otherwise, the conference was too technical with too much information about water treatment plants. She did not feel enough information was provided about hot issues that would be very important to elected officials in terms of their communities. The AWWA could solicit ideas about what issues elected officials were facing and help provide relevant information to help them better relate topics, such as rates, to their communities. It was great to return home and share more about the global water issue, however. She enjoyed seeing all the equipment at the various displays, the pumps, membrane, and UV components. The best class would be a combination of discussion and seeing/handling the actual physical water plant components. On the social side, she wished they had some ice breaker activities to force attendees out of their own groups to talk with others. Overall, she loved the conference.

2) SFWB Lead & Copper Compliance Round 13 Results

**John Collins, SFWB General Manager**, reminded the Board of the issues South Fork had experienced over the last three sampling periods with lead and copper, which had been addressed, and the corrosion control and optimization studies that were conducted. South Fork also had issues with CRW using a well unknowingly and now CRW was doing their own sampling. He announced South Fork had just finished the 60 joint samples for Oregon City and West Linn with only two exceedences, which was the lowest number in SFWB's sampling history. Retesting would occur within the next six months. If that round is also passed, SFWB would qualify for reduced monitoring. He hoped to return in mid-November/early December with that positive report. The process had taken a huge amount of South Fork staff's time over the last year and a half. Both West Linn's and Oregon City's water departments were outstanding, especially Beth Randolph at West Linn whose incredible efforts resulted in obtaining an additional 28 Tier-1 samples sites in a short time period. Gail Johnson of Oregon City found three other homes, which was also a tremendous accomplishment given the lack of home building in Oregon City during the mid-1980's.

3) Watershed Tour

This year's Watershed Tour was approved as a joint tour with Clackamas River Water Providers. Kim Swan was coordinating the event, possibly for the latter part of September, and invitations would be sent when the date was finalized. When sponsoring the tour, South Fork had invited neighborhood groups, City officials and several other water authorities. He expected this year's tour to be much larger given the increased ownership of other participants. He added that Ms. Swan was aware that the fish sorting was something of a tradition; however she would be putting the final tour together.

(7) **Business from the Board**

There was none.

(8) **Adjournment and Convene Executive Session**

The July 9, 2009 regular meeting of the South Fork Water Board adjourned at 8:14 p.m. and the Board convened its Executive Session.

(9) **Executive Session –Regular meeting adjourned and convene Executive Session.**

- (A) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f)
- (B) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(h).

Respectfully Submitted,

By Paula Pinyerd, ABC Transcription Services, Inc.  
for John Collins, SFWB General Manager