

SOUTH FORK WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2011

Board Members Present: John Kovash, West Linn Mayor, Chair
 Rocky Smith, Oregon City Commissioner, Vice
 Chair
 Betty Mumm, Oregon City Commissioner
 Mike Jones, West Linn Councilor
 Jody Carson, West Linn Councilor

Board Members Absent: Doug Neeley, Oregon City Mayor

Staff Present: John Collins, SFWB General Manager
 Christopher Crean, SFWB Legal Counsel

Others Present: Alice Richmond, West Linn Resident
 Justin Pritchard, Pacific Inland Consulting

General Board Meeting

Call to Order

Chair Kovash called the meeting of the South Fork Water Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments

Alice Richmond expressed frustration that South Fork was not named in public service announcements about water conservation; Clackamas River Water Providers got all the credit.

Board Member Carson explained that Clackamas River Water Providers was referenced because that encompassed all the participants of the organization.

Consent Agenda

(A). Approval of the Minutes of the May 12, 2010 Board Meeting

Board Member Mumm moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(4) FEMA Claim and Repair to SFWB Clackamas River Intake

John Collins, General Manager, reminded that Justin Pritchard had been hired as the project manager to oversee the process involved with repairing the intake.

Justin Pritchard, Pacific Inland Consulting, updated the Board about the progress made regarding the intake repairs and embankment preservation as presented in the status report distributed to the Board. South Fork has already received numerous bids for the flood debris removal and repair of the intake structure. CH2M Hill helped prepare the bid documents and packet for the embankment repair; that RFP went out on June 1.

Mr. Collins reminded the Board of CH2M Hill's relationship with South Fork as they built the new reservoir and helped with the Master Plan. South Fork capitalized on existing contract from the reservoir which would enable South Fork to meet the timeline on the intake projects.

Mr. Pritchard stated they were comfortable with the contractors that had responded so far. Many were major players as far as excavation in the northwest and had a long history of large commercial flood projects. The bid period would close June 20th at 2 p.m. and the qualifications and proposals would be reviewed to determine the winning contractor that week. To conform to standards regarding work in or near the river, the work would be done during the in water period, July 1st through August 15th.

Mr. Collins noted Mr. Pritchard would also be around for the actual construction period as well. He confirmed that contractors would adhere to standards set by FEMA, the Army Corps of Engineers, State of Oregon and other governing agencies because their payment is conditioned on proper compliance and is stated very specifically in the contract documents.

Mr. Pritchard added that all the governing bodies had agreed on the best general practice in working within the river level with regard to the Endangered Species Act. They agreed that the particular work on embankment would adhere to standards of the State's requirement. This commitment enabled South Fork to expedite the project through the system and get the needed approvals.

(5) Executive Session-Recess Regular Meeting and Convene Executive Session

Chair Kovash recessed the regular meeting to convene the Executive Session at 6:21 p.m.

- (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).
 - (b) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f)
 - (c) 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).
- (6) **Reconvene Regular meeting to take any action necessary as determined in Executive Session.**

Chair Kovash reconvened the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m. and called for a motion.

Board Member Mumm moved to increase General Manager John Collin's compensation 5% (2% COLA and 3% merit), and also grant a \$4,000 performance bonus. Board Member Carson seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED 5-0. Ayes: Kovash, Mumm, Jones, Carson, Smith; Nays: None.

Board Member Carson commended Mr. Collins for his excellent performance over the last year, noting his success in obtaining the FEMA grants.

(6) **Business from the Manager**

There was none.

(7) **Business from the Board**

Board Member Carson mentioned the table top simulation conducted by the Regional Water Consortium, which featured what would occur if the Clackamas River was polluted by a massive oil spill off Carver Bridge. The simulation was to show who did and did not get water; however no specifics were provided about the results or the issues that arose. It would be helpful to be engaged in those simulations, or at least get a report about the anticipated results of such events.

Mr. Collins responded that South Fork Senior Plant Operator and maintenance personnel, as well as water personnel from both Oregon City and West Linn worked as a team. That team reported back that there was a lot of confusion. First, an oil spill would not shut down South Fork because its intake is a minimum of 9

feet submerged into the water. Other intakes on the river would be compromised because they were at or above the water level. SFWB personnel did not confirm that South Fork could help supply water, but instead maintained the spirit of the exercise. Since the table top simulation, the same team has driven each other's water systems to learn the location of key equipment, inter-ties, etc.

Board Member Carson confirmed South Fork would have water in such an event, and could help a lot of people.

Chair Kovash noted that Board Members Carson, Smith, and Mumm would be attending the AWWA Conference where Mr. Collins would be a presenter.

Mr. Collins explained that he would be co-presenting a poster session on sludge at the conference. This year South Fork was able to enhance the drying process in the sludge lagoons by planting grass seed on the partially dried sludge. South Fork is one of a small group of facilities that is testing this method of enhancing the drying process in sludge lagoons. The method has been so successful that an engineer, who has done design work and worked on South Fork's Master Plan, and the general manager from Hillsboro wrote a paper with Mr. Collins about the process. Mr. Collins described the process at South Fork, noting it was discovered by accident when hydro-mulch blew into the lagoon when the new reservoir landscaping was being installed.

(8) Adjourn regular meeting and convene Executive Session.

The June 9, 2011 regular meeting of the South Fork Water Board adjourned at 7:01 p.m. and the Board convened its Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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