

SOUTH FORK WATER BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2012

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

Board Members Present: John Kovash, West Linn Mayor, Vice Chair

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

Others Present: Alice Richmond, West Linn Resident
Travis Devore, Gladstone Resident
Martha Devore, Gladstone Resident

General Board Meeting

(1) Call to Order

Chair Neeley called the meeting of the South Fork Water Board to order at 6:02 p.m.

(2) Public Comments

Travis Devore shared how the loss of his brother, Charlie Metler, had affected him and his family. He has seen other young people climbing on the platform and fence box since his brother's accident, so he was grateful steps were being taken to deter people from climbing on the intake platform. He would like to see some type of memorial erected, but did not want to distract drivers on Clackamas River Drive. Placing something on the platform or the top of the old water tower was discussed, but he was uncertain what options were available.

John Collins, General Manager, stated he would continue talking with Mr. Devore and work to facilitate whatever option might be possible.

Mr. Devore confirmed a different location on the Clackamas River was acceptable depending on how far away the memorial would be from the platform. A new park is proposed at the Meldrum Bar and the Association of Disc Golf discussed possibly placing a sign or some kind of memorial there.

Board Member Mumm expressed sorrow on behalf of the Board for the Devore's loss. She offered to work with Mr. Collins to find a viable option for some type of memorial.

(3) Consent Agenda

(A). Approval of the Minutes of the June 21, 2012 Board Meeting

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

(4) **SFWB Clackamas River Intake Repairs and Security and Safety Upgrades**

John Collins, General Manager, described the repairs completed on the intake referencing photos displayed via PowerPoint. A heavier gauge of metal wrap was installed on the intake and that wrap was doubled to prevent people from puncturing the metal. The doubled metal wrap was also extended lower on the intake and placed on an additional section where climbing onto the structure was easiest. Several different warning signs were posted and painted multiple times on the intake structure as well. Once a week, maintenance staff would do a visual, detailed inspection of the intake from the road with binoculars to ensure no damage has occurred. A hatch was also fabricated in the top of the intake. The hatch provides easy access for maintenance, but also the safer option of using a ladder for anyone stuck on top of the intake rather than jumping or trying to climb down. South Fork would meet with the Oregon City police department and possibly Clackamas County and the State about using this safety option. Other options include installing a barrier around the intake from mid May to mid September during low water levels and using a motion detector alarm to alert facility operators of people on or near the intake. Issues about animals setting off the detector would need to be addressed. There is no record of people climbing on the intake, other than in June or July. Special District has encouraged South Fork to apply for grants for the additional safety upgrades.

Chair Neeley noted the method of access was also dangerous with the climb up the intake being 30-ft straight up.

Mr. Devore described how the accident involving his brother might have occurred. He asked about the solid sheet metal pieces that fell into the water. He noted several metal pieces were found down near where the Gladstone Bridge crosses by High Rocks.

Mr. Collins confirmed that the metal had been removed by those making the repairs. He noted that metal farther downriver could come from any number of places given fierce winter storms and all the industrial uses along the river.

(5) **Business from the Manager**

1) Update on CRW Rate Increase

John Collins, SFWB General Manager, updated that the rate consultant presented the facts and findings of the rate analysis to Clackamas River Water (CRW) District in July. CRW had 90 days to accept the rate increase or lodge an objection. Upon review, Chris Crean, SFWB Legal Counsel, noted two issues were open for discussion: Mr. Collins' administrative time, which CRW had waived, and the storage at Mountain View Reservoir. Randy Golf of HDR made calculations and credits to offset CRW's concerns that have been factored into the rate. South Fork feels confident moving forward and about a mutual agreement.

2) Possible SDC Refund of \$38,388 to Clackamas County

John Collins, SFWB General Manager, explained that due to a miscalculation of meter sizes, South Fork might owe a refund of \$38,388 in SDC funds to the County. He understood South Fork received in excess of \$100,000, but the amount should have been only \$70,000 because smaller meters were used so only a portion of the cash collected would be refunded. South Fork's SDC reserves were in excess of almost \$800,000, so the

refund would not be crippling. Staff would be meeting with the Oregon City Finance Department to verify the details, which he would report to the Board.

- 3) CRWP Watershed Tour on September 22nd
John Collins, SFWB General Manager, reminded the Board about the upcoming tour, which historically has gone up into the watershed. This time, the tour would go through the four water treatment plants with South Fork's plant being visited between about 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Space on the tour buss was limited, so he encouraged those interested in going to RSVP soon.

(6) Business from the Board

Board Member Jones said he would like to discuss fluoridation. While he would like to hear from experts on both sides of the issue, he was first interested in learning about the costs and engineering involved.

Mr. Collins confirmed with the Board that he would return with information about the logistics and costs involved with fluoridation, as well as the impact such costs would have on water rate payers.

- (7) Executive Session –Adjourn regular meeting and convene Executive Session, if needed.**
The September 12, 2011 regular meeting of the South Fork Water Board adjourned at 6:34 p.m.
- (A) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d).
 - (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).
- (8) Reconvene Regular Meeting if needed to take any action necessary as determined in Executive Session.** The regular meeting was not reconvened.

Respectfully Submitted,

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