

ARCH CAPE SANITARY DISTRICT MINUTES

18 September 2020

A ZOOM video teleconference meeting was held in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. A quorum was present.

Sanitary Board: Darr Tindall, President
Debra Birkby, Vice-President & Treasurer
Chris Anderson
Carl Matson
Bill Campbell

Water Board: Dan Seifer (non-voting)

Public: Ridley Campbell
Bob Cerelli
David Stockton
Jeannie Stockton

Staff: Phil Chick, District Manager
Steve Hill

Ms. Darr Tindall called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm as a Zoom virtual meeting. A roll call was held for all of those present and participating.

Public Comment: Mr. Seifer offered his thanks for the board's consideration of a DEQ loan for the watershed purchase.

Agenda: The Treasurer's report is pulled. Ms. Birkby moved acceptance of the agenda as amended which was seconded by Mr. Campbell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Ms. Birkby moved acceptance of the consent agenda which was seconded by Mr. Campbell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Loan -- Arch Cape Forest: (Action) Receipt of Ms. Eakins correspondence regarding reasons for supporting the watershed purchase was acknowledged.

Mr. Campbell moved that the district proceed forward in an application for a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) loan to acquire the watershed and that Mr. Seifer follow up with contacting the county to satisfy a question raised by Ms Eakins concerning the development potential of the Forest. The motion was seconded by Ms. Birkby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Wastewater Plant / Office Access Road: (Information) Mr. Chick indicated that there was nothing new to report.

Covid-19 Emergency: (Information) Mr. Hill reported there was very strong water usage of almost 400K more gallons of metered water billed in August of this year than in the same month last year. Payments of district accounts were reported as holding up well in spite of the pandemic.

New Business: None.

Reports:

District Managers Report and Correspondence for Action: (attached) Mr. Gardner's efforts during the high winds recently experienced was pointed out by Mr. Chick to have been particularly valuable to the district despite his being on vacation. His spirit of support for the community was especially noteworthy.

Board of Directors' Comments and Reports: Mr. Campbell expressed his appreciation for all of the hard work Mr. Chick has put in and to Mr. Gardner for coming in to help while on vacation. Ms. Birkby volunteered some industrial grade tarps to Mr. Chick if he could find them of use for the generator. Ms. Tindall spoke of her thanks to all who have been contributing to the district and community.

October Agenda Items: DEQ loan, wastewater plant access and generators.

Public Comment: Mr. Seifer invited all to attend the Joint Contracting Committee meeting at 5:00pm, Friday October 16th.

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Darr Tindall at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Hill

Attest 
Ms. Darr Tindall, President

Manager Report September 18th 2020

SANITARY:

The wastewater plant received 2.3 Million gallons of influent and received 1.8" of rainfall.

The generator at the Webb lift station malfunctioned during the power outage last week, and will most likely need to be taken out of service until the lift station is replaced, scheduled for 2021-22. Cannon Beach Electric and Petersen CAT determined that the generator will no longer put out voltage to the pump station in the event of a power outage. I am waiting for a repair estimate from Petersen CAT, but they are not confident that the quote will fix the problem, as it could involve deeper issues within the generator and multiple trips to the coast.

The generator is over 21 years old, and in the past year has had costly repairs and unreliable performance. For the time being, we have a spare portable generator temporarily hard-wired into the transfer switch at the station. As of now we are waiting on an estimate to have a permanent plug receptacle installed at the station so the generator can be deployed and hooked up as needed. This will require a little extra work and diligence of staff during storm season, but I feel it is the best option to pursue.

The recent wind storm uprooted many trees that have blocked the road going to the irrigation site. I've contacted EFM about it to see when they plan on clearing the roads. As of 9/14 ODF is still not allowing chainsaws to be operated in the woods. We have not attempted to survey downed trees on the biosolids site road yet.