

**SOUTH HENRY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MARCH 13, 2012
SHRWD OFFICE
7:00 P.M.**

Pursuant to notice of this meeting, President Larry Protsman called meeting to order. Board members who were present or absent were as follows:

Present: Marcus Allhands, Larry Protsman, Brian Rogers and Donna Tauber

Absent: Tom Conley, Robin Minnemann, and Lila Mondrush

Donna Tauber made motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Brian Rogers. Motion carried.

Brian Rogers made motion to approve the claims as submitted. This was seconded by Donna Tauber. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed and approved all final payments from February 2012 Claims Docket. The Board also signed Ordinance No 2012-01 that was approved at the last meeting.

Nancy has received her Public Officials Bond and the USDA Bond. The board signed these. She will have them recorded.

There are still 11 people from Fair Oaks that are not connected. Donna Tauber made a motion to send letters to those people giving them until May 1, 2012 to connect. This was seconded by Marc Allhands. Motion carried.

Dan Wright was present from F.P.B.H. letting the board know that they are available if any engineering needs arise.

Jerry reported that O'Mara Contractors is going to repair a seal between the pipe and the flow meter pit. Ground water is getting into the lift station at Fair Oaks during rain events.

Kim Cronk signed a letter petitioning OCRA to lower the match on the Fair Oaks grant from 20% to 15% so that the district will not have to pay back any monies. The district saved money by Jerry doing the inspections. Nancy Kinder is confident that they will approve this.

The enunciator panel at the plant is failing. The parts to fix it are obsolete. Jerry will get quotes to replace it. It will be approximately \$5,000 plus installation.

New Castle's attorney sent Martin Shields a letter stating that Mayor York is willing to work with the district to get water to New Lisbon should development occur.

The Spiceland pump station had two bad starter/contactors. Jerry and Rick replaced those. There hasn't been any other failures.

Jerry checked on the Mission system that is at Fair Oaks lift station to see if it could send alerts to cell phones via text message. You can only get the alerts through email. A Smartphone would be needed to get this alert away from the office.

Two motors failed on the bioxide feed pump. They sell for \$575 from Siemens. Jerry found one on the internet for \$150. The gear heads need to be modified but they should work. Jerry ordered two to fix them. If they work out, he will order more to have on hand.

The tractor clutch is going bad. There is someone from Mays that does this kind of work. Jerry will get a quote from them and will let them do the work if it is cost effective.

There has not been a significant change in the electric bill since installing the variable frequency drives and the soft starts. The main lift station could use a transducer/pump controller to keep it running constantly instead of turning on and off. This would be attached to the variable frequency drives. This should lower electric consumption.

Brian Rogers suggested having an energy audit done to see where the district could save money in the future.

There is another company that is selling bioxide. This is the chemical used for odor control at the lift stations. They are willing to bring the first load at a considerable savings to let the district try their product. Jerry is going to try one load to see if it works satisfactorily.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

President

ATTEST:

Office Manager