

**SOUTH HENRY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 14th, 2008
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: Pam Allhands, Robin Minnemann, Larry Protsman, Brian Rogers, and Donna Tauber, Tom Conley

Absent: Alan Brooks

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

Robin Minnemann 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 September 2008 Claims Docket.

Larry introduced Spiceland's new representative Tom Conley. He was welcomed by everyone.

There were several residents present from CR 325 W in Spiceland. The residents wanted to know if the district was going to install the sewer line whether they voted against it or not. Mr. Melton wanted to know if there was something in writing that said that the Peavies system had failed and that they had no other options. It was explained that the district was contacted by the Henry County Health department about the possibility of connecting to the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Len Smith, from the Henry County Health Dept., had told Connie by telephone that the Peavie's had a serious problem and their options were limited. Other comments were that the cost for them to connect to the sewer would put a hardship on them. Brian pointed out that the board would not be a responsible board if they ignored the problem because it was a health and environmental issue. The decision to install the line was tabled until the next regular meeting. In the meantime, the Peavies will get a cost on other options for this issue. Martin will look into allowing people with a good functioning septic system a moratorium of 5 years for connecting to the sewer line. Tom Conley asked if a ten (10) year moratorium would be feasible.

It was noted that it has been a very dry summer and fall, therefore, there has been no contact from anyone from the Fair Oaks Addition.

The Mane Attraction building in Spiceland will be going up in a Sheriff's sale. Martin will check into who purchases it. Martin discussed the state statute that says SHRWD cannot forgive the liens against the property.

Dan Wright with FPBH provided a preliminary engineering report for a plant upgrade for the board to review and study. A possible plant upgrade in the future was discussed. Smaller upgrades could be done now to get IDEM to allow for a daily flow of 300,000 gpd. The estimated cost to upgrade everything from the plant to doing the Fair Oaks Addition would be around \$4 million. USDA Rural Development and SRF funds are available to borrow. There could be some grants. This can be done in phases over several years.

The \$100,000 Treasurer's Bond for Connie was signed by all board members so that it can be recorded.

Connie reported that both the Henry Co. and Rush Co treasurer lien monies were received this month. \$43,169.31 was received from Henry County and \$1,233.71 from Rush County.

Connie reported details about her meeting with Senator Gard and the final recommendations from EQSC.

Connie reminded the board that the Alliance Training Conference is October 20-22 at Horseshoe Casino and the IRSDA Conference is October 27 at The Ritz Charles. Larry, Donna and Tom stated that they would be attending the IRSDA conference.

The cost of the health insurance raised 30% effective October 1st, 2008. Discussion was held concerning other insurance options. There was much discussion concerning going with a Health Savings Account insurance package that would save the District money. The district would contribute \$500 in November for a family plan and \$400 for a single plan. The district would put in another \$500 for family and \$400 for single in January 2009. Tom Conley made a motion to approve the HSA Insurance change. Motion seconded by Donna Tauber. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

President

ATTEST:

District Manager