

**SOUTH HENRY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 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, Alan Brooks, Tom Conley, Robin Minnemann, Larry Protsman, Brian Rogers, and Donna Tauber

Absent: None

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

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

The Board also reviewed and approved all final payments from October 2008 Claims Docket.

Tom Conley questioned the Health Department representative, Len Smith, about whether Mr. & Mrs. Peavie had stopped the sewage from running out on the ground. Mr. Smith stated that the Peavies had disconnected from the dry well and that they were voluntarily pumping their septic tank. Mr. Smith stated that there is not enough land for a traditional septic system. The Peavies would need another system that could cost up to \$25,000. Russell Winkhart stated that he went to the health department and talked to Paul Gona. He stated that Mr. Gona said that the Peavies could put a septic system in their yard if Winkhart will allow an easement across the back of his property and that it would be better for the environment. Mr. Winkhart said that he would give the Peavie's an easement to extend a finger system across his property. The Peavies and Painter's stated they did not trust that option. Larry Protsman and Martin Shields asked Mr. Winkhart if he understood that he would not be able to build over that easement and that area would be very limited on what it could be used for.

The Peavies stated they understood (from conversation with Len Smith) that they may have the option to put in a mound system, depending on the results of a soil test. They have talked with two contractors and both contractors stated the mound system should be the last resort due to the expense and life expectancy. The Peavies would rather connect to the sewer system and not have to worry about it in the future.

Mr. Wright stated that they understand that a sewer system will be necessary in this area in the future. Now is just not a good time due to the economy.

The residents of CR 325 W stated that Paul Gona said he would attend this meeting in support of them. He did not show up. There are still residents of four of the homes that do not want to connect to the sewer. They gave the board signatures stating this.

Martin stated that if the district decided to extend the sewer line along CR 325 W and that if their property was within 300 feet of the line that they would be required to connect. The only exemption would be if they had a new system installed within the last 5 years, then they would have a three year reprieve. It was agreed that no one meets that criteria.

Larry asked the board members for their comments concerning this matter. Donna Tauber stated that connecting to the sewer line was inevitable. The homes along CR 325 W. are in Spicelands wellhead protection area. Tom Conley is against it because the Peavies declined to go into Russell Winkharts property to solve their problem. Robin stated that their current septic systems are in excess of thirty years old it is only a matter of time, therefore, extending the sewer line would benefit all properties. Brian stated he wants to know why two people from the health department have different opinions on the solution for the Peavie property. He wants to hear from Paul Gona before declaring his opinion. Pam Allhands stated that her experience with Paul Gona was in the food inspection section of the health department. She has more confidence in Len Smiths opinion. She is in favor of extending the sewer line. Alan is neutral until the board hears what Paul Gona has to say. The Peavies are going to have a soil test done to see if their land is acceptable to consider a new system. Len Smith is going to help them expedite this process. The board will reconvene on this issue on November 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. after the soil test results are in. At that time, a vote will be taken.

Connie reported that the Pfenninger Agency recommends starting the HSA insurance plan on January 1, 2009. Donna made a motion to amend the resolution for insurance to become effective January 1, 2009 and the district's contribution can be made at that time. This was seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

Mr. Charles Covey of 102 W Main St was present. He owns an antique shop and has an apartment above, therefore he gets 2 (two) sewer bills. One is base rate amount while the other includes consumption. He doesn't feel he should receive 2 (two) sewer bills. He has a men and women's restroom downstairs for the public along with his washer and dryer. His parcel is zoned for business. He pays commercial insurance and renters insurance for his contents upstairs. Mr. Covey is asking the board to change their current policy to exclude the minimum bill. After some discussion, Donna made a motion to stay with the current ordinance and policy. This was seconded by Pam Allhands. Motion carried.

Connie reminded the board that the third phase of the rate ordinance was scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2009. She had planned to recommend a delay for one year, but in the past few weeks there has been a change in billing. She informed the board that the

district will lose approximately \$400 to \$500 per month in revenue due to four businesses and a home removing facilities and downsizing water meters. Tom Conley suggested a six month delay. After some discussion, Donna Tauber made a motion to delay the 3rd Phase of the rate increase until July 1, 2009. This was seconded by Tom Conley. Motion carried.

Connie provided the board with a copy of the draft of the budget for 2009. She asked the board to review and provide comments before the next board meeting. The 2009 Budget needs to be approved at the December board meeting.

The Personnel Committee recommended a 2% raise for Jerry, Nancy and Rick and a \$2500 raise for Connie for 2009 salaries. This is in consideration of the Health Savings Account that the district will be contributing to. Tom made a motion to accept this recommendation. This was seconded by Robin Minnemann. Motion carried.

Dan Wright with F.P.B.H. was present. He presented a change of scope for the preliminary engineering report and asked for the board president's signature. Donna Tauber made motion to approve this change of scope. This was seconded by Brian Rogers. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

President

ATTEST:

District Manager