

SEWERAGE AGENCY OF SOUTHERN MARIN

Minutes

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 15, 2013

Call to order and roll call

President Kious called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Members present: Lew Kious, Andrew Berman, Bruce Abbott, Einar Asbo, Jim Jacobs, Roger Gainer.

Members Absent: Pedro Femenia

Others present: Staff – Mark Grushayev, Tom Barnes, C. Monti, M. Curran, E. Ericson
District Managers: T. Edwards, B. Beuhler
Public: L. Rich

Agenda

Action: M/S Abbott/Asbo to approve the Agenda and carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Public open time

There were no comments received from the public.

Consent Calendar

Action: The Board took the following actions: M/S Asbo/Berman and carried on a vote of 6 to 0 to approve the Consent Calendar

- 1. Minutes of the July 18th, 2013 Board Meeting
2. Treatment Plant Manager's Report

Marin County Grand Jury Report Regarding Retirement Health Care Benefits

Eric Erickson presented the suggested response letter to the Grand Jury regarding Retirement Health Care Benefits. Discussion regarding the appropriateness of conveying Mill Valley's response to SASM's response or as an informational attachment.

Mr. Ericson proposed to invite to the board meeting the auditor Mr. Krieg and ask him to explain why he believed that it is appropriate to present SASM's financials this way.

Mr. Ericson will confirm with SASM's legal counsel, the appropriateness of this response and contact the SASM Board President if necessary.

Public Comment from Beuhler on the correct number of employees of the City of Mill Valley as SASM is stated (on page 8 of 30) as having 13 employees and Mill Valley 143 employees. His concern is a potential double accounting on the Grand Jury report.

Action: M/S Gainer/Asbo and carried on a vote of 6 to 0 to approve the suggested response letter with the following changes:

- Amend the third sentence to read "SASM has no employees, the staff performing the operating and maintenance services and the SASM wastewater facilities are not SASM employees and are solely employees of the City of Mill Valley. The employees are

41 provided by the City of Mill Valley under an Operations and Maintenance agreement
42 between Mill Valley and SASM. “

- 43 • Delete the third paragraph.
- 44 • Delete the second sentence in the fourth paragraph and insert “Please see the attached Mill
45 Valley response”.

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48 **SASM & SD5 Agreement**

49 Jill Barnes presented a draft of the agreement with SD5 that will allow for the extension of the
50 terms of the expired agreement between SASM and SD5 until February of 2014. President Kious
51 stated that he had a preliminary phone conversation with SD5 board president Cathy Benediktsson
52 and both parties agreed that it a reasonable approach pending the completion of the study of the
53 vulnerabilities of the existing deep water outfall.

54 Staff will continue to work with SD5 staff to develop a comprehensive agreement.

55 Action: M/S Asbo/ Kious to accept the recommendation to extend the agreement.
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57 **Future Agenda Items**

58 President Kious would like to see, and has already discussed the issue with Eric, additional
59 informational accounting of the Capital Improvement Program items.
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61 Commissioner Jacobs requested that WWT Manager provide a verbal summary of his report at the
62 future meetings.
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64 **Commissioners Open Time**

65 Commissioner Asbo noticed on the SASM portion of the Mill Valley website that the form for
66 people to apply for a loan for sewer lateral replacement has a Mill Valley letter head, not SASM
67 letter head. Mark said he will change the form.
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69 Mark showed the Board some cleaned and sanitized items that came out of the digesters.
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71 **Adjourn**

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73 Action: M/S Berman/Abbott to adjourn the meeting and carried on a vote of 6 to 0 at
74 approximately 7:40 pm.
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79 *The next scheduled meeting of the SASM Board is September 19th, 2013 at 7:00pm.*
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