

EASTOVER SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES
BOARD MEETING, February 24, 2009

Chairman, Morgan Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and Marilyn Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Morgan, Liz Reeser, Helen Crumpler, John Jackson, Tom Cooney, Kevin Lindsay, Adam Riggsbee, and Marilyn Johnson.

There were no speakers at the public forum.

- I. Approval of Agenda.
The agenda was amended by changing paragraph 8 to show 8A as "ESD letter dated February 3 to PWC" and adding 8B as New subdivision requirements for water, sewer, and fire hydrants". Liz made a motion to approve the agenda, Helen seconded and it was unanimous.
- II. Consent Agenda consisting of the January 27, 2009 Minutes and the Financial Statements Of January 31, 2009 were approved. Liz moved, Helen seconded and it was unanimous.
- III. Ratification of expenses were previously approved by board members via e-mail and provided to the finance officer for payment. This ratification confirms, for recorded purposes, that payment were approved.

The Yarborough Law Firm, dated February 17, 2009, in the amount of \$562.50;
Direct Mail Solutions, Inc., dated January 22, 2009, in the amount of \$879.46.
- IV. Liz Reeser presented a new invoice for reimbursement for annual mail box rental for ESD from 3-01-09 - 2-28-10 in the amount of \$58.00. Morgan made a motion to approve the invoice, Helen seconded and Liz abstained.
- V. Morgan stated that a letter dated February 3, 2009 was sent to PWC informing them that ESD has an expected 20% growth this next year. This projected usage increase is based on existing subdivision plans, individual construction and anticipation that some houses will be coming on line in the ESD II area east of I-95 and north of I-295. This is in accordance with the PWC and ESD Service Agreement, dated March 10, 1999, paragraph 15a, advising of any anticipated growth.

In following county and Eastover ordinances, new subdivisions will be required to hook on to the ESD system if services are available. Also, it will be required to install fire hydrants to provide fire protection to that subdivision. The County Subdivision Ordinance requires fire hydrants when a plat is required to be recorded if public water is available. There has to be a fire hydrant within 500' of the lot(s) and located no more than 1000' apart.
- VI. FY 2010 - Draft budget
Morgan stated that he had consulted with Bob Tucker, County Finance officer and had prepared a draft of the new budget for FY2010. Morgan moved, Helen seconded and it was unanimous that the board approve the draft and authorize the Chairman to hold a public hearing on March 24, 2009 pending a notice of the public hearing.
- VII. ESD II Water System update:
Morgan stated that USDA requires copies of any easements, encroachments, and signed

offer to purchase contracts, etc. prior to releasing funds.

ESD target dates:

Design completion: March 15, 2009

Design review, correction: April 15, 2009

Advertisement for bid: April 15, 2009

Bid opening: NLT May 15, 2009

Obtain loan commitment and contract award: July 1, 2009

VIII. Sewer, Phase I:

- A. PWC/ESD Contract, dated February 11, 2009, has been signed releasing sections 1 thru 6.
- B. Construction status (Kevin): Most everything is finished except Gilbert McLaurin Road and Destiny Road. Morgan stated that he would like for Kevin to write PWC a letter asking for waiver to allow customer to hook on to the sewer as the County Health Department is about to condemn her home. Morgan suggested to Kevin that he should state in letter that all cosmetic things will be completed on the "punch list" but ask to please not let that hold up the hook on.
- C. Because of administrative circumstances, Morgan suggested that customer, Chad Royal of School Street not be charged for hook up fees for sewer.

IX. Sewer Phases II thru V:

Morgan stated he and Liz attended the Congressional delegation briefing at FTCC regarding the stimulus funding. Later, Mayor Charles McLaurin contacted Morgan and stated that his office had met with Congressman Mike McIntyre's aides and set aside some time for ESD. Morgan had a quick meeting with them and they seemed impressed with our needs. They stated it is very likely we can get money, both grant and loans for sewer.

A strategy meeting between Hobbs-Upchurch and ESD Chairman was held on February 21, 2009. The start up requirements for phases II thru V were discussed. Morgan made a motion to begin a preliminary study of the engineer work. Helen seconded and it was unanimous.

Morgan announced that he has been asked to set up a meeting with the USDA state engineers, ESD, and the District's engineering staff. That meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose is to develop the requirements for ESD to apply to USDA for grants/loans for Sewer Phases II-V.

Morgan also announced that he had signed a letter dated February 19, 2009 to the state requesting \$4 mil of stimulus funds to start Phase II. The letter was hand carried that day by Hobbs-Upchurch to Raleigh.

Morgan asked Kevin to prepare a proposed cost estimate to develop the scope and cost of a sewer master plan for all of ESD. This proposal would only include the cost for for scope of work and future cost to do the master plan.

X. ESD Website:

Liz stated that ESD board members met with Howard Piland on February 9, 2009 to discuss a website for ESD. Since meeting with Mr. Piland, he has sent a proposed contract for services and maintenance of the website. He also stated that he has

registered the name Eastover Sanitary District for future use. John stated he would prepare a contract between ESD and Howard.

- XI. ESD Phone answering service:
Morgan stated that he had been checking on service costs and said it would cost approximately \$50.00 to \$75.00 per month, depending on which plan was decided upon. The board was given a print out on costs and services to consider. Morgan is to get the price for a minimum of 50 messages. Then the board will make a decision at it's March meeting.
- XII. Delinquent accounts:
John stated we are continuing to receive payments for delinquent accounts and would like to review the master list of customers. Morgan stated that we might want to consider dropping the amount owed to draw more attention to the matter. John suggested, and the Board agreed to keep the minimum debt to \$500.00 before court action is started. Morgan provided John with the current delinquent list from PWC.

With no further business, Liz made a motion to adjourn, Helen seconded and it was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Crumpler, Secretary

Morgan Johnson, Chairman