



Perry Park Water and Sanitation District  
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## Regular Meeting - February 17, 2021

### Board Members Present

Brian Arthurs  
Judy LaCrosse  
Tony Lucas  
Jim Maras  
Gary Peterson

### Visitors

Julia McCusker

### Staff / Consultants in Attendance

Michael Gerstner – TST Infrastructure, LLC  
Diana Miller – District Manager

### 1.0 Call To Order

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 16:36 via Zoom.

### 2.0 New Business and Open Items

- 2.1 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made and seconded; (RESOLUTION 21-009) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2021 WORK SESSION OF THE PERRY PARK WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded; (RESOLUTION 21-010) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PERRY PARK WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2.2 Disbursements – A motion was made and seconded; (RESOLUTION 21-011) TO RATIFY ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,461.42 WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY DISBURSED FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> BANK. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded; (RESOLUTION 21-012) TO APPROVE CHECKS 12927 THRU 12933 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,680.61 WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY DISBURSED FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> BANK. The motion passed unanimously.

In reference to check 12932, issued to USA Blue Book, Director Maras asked if the *Drum Mounted Foggers* were related to the Waucondah Wastewater Treatment Plant odor issues. The District Manager confirmed that he was correct. The District Manager added that in the winter we have been running the foggers inside of the digester building causing them to deteriorate much more rapidly.

A motion was made and seconded; (RESOLUTION 21-013) TO APPROVE CHECKS 12934 THRU 12954 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,651.79 TO BE DISBURSED FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> BANK. The motion passed unanimously.

In reference to check 12935, issued to Barnard Structures, Inc., Director Maras asked if the *Blower Piping Repairs – Waucondah* had facilitated the District passing a SOUR (Specific Oxygen Uptake Rate) test. The District Manager advised that the SOUR test results are improving, but not yet passing the 1.5 mg/l limit.

In reference to check 12939, issued to ERO Resources Corporation, and check 12944, issued to Lytle Water Solutions, LLC and check 12951, issued to TST Infrastructure, LLC, Director Arthurs indicated that he thought bills related to the Gove Ditch were over. The District Manager offered that the legal bills related to the water court case were over. The District Manager added that the preconstruction period for the measuring device and the navigation through regulatory agencies are now underway.

In reference to check 12953, issued to Veris Environmental, LLC, Director Peterson asked if the *Sludge Removal-Waucondah* charges reflected the \$0.15 per gallon Composting Charge. The District Manager advised that it did.

A motion was made and seconded; (RESOLUTION 21-014) TO RATIFY CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS DATED JANUARY 22, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,320.68 AND CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,320.68 WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY DISBURSED FROM WELLS FARGO BANK. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2.3 Water Use Study – Mr. Gerstner attended the Board Meeting to present the findings documented in the Water Use Study. Director Peterson offered that the study appeared thorough and very clear. Director Arthurs noted that there are gaps in the District's infrastructure metering and that those gaps must be closed to understand the District's true water loss. Director Peterson noted that Option 1 would be a good start for the District, adding that Options 2 and 3 build off of Option 1. Director Peterson expressed concern regarding the automation in Option 3, in consideration of recent cyber-attacks, most recently in Pinellas County, Florida. Director Maras suggested that isolating the Customer meter readings between the west side and east side would be helpful in determining water loss.
- 2.4 Waucondah Wastewater Treatment Plant Power and Odor Updates – The District Manager advised the Board that the District's engineer had been working with UE Compression to get the District's first round of mechanical improvements (blower, silencer, gauges, etc.) for the digester on order. The District Manager added that the order was being placed.
- 2.5 Discussion to Consider Customer Rate and Fee Increases – The Board reviewed the Ehlers Memorandum dated February 8, 2021 which addresses the District's funding requirements necessary to accommodate the Waucondah Wastewater Treatment Plant long term improvements and the increase in repair and maintenance costs that the District is forecasting. The Ehlers Memorandum

recommended 10% Customer water and sewer rate increase as well as a \$50 capital improvement fee increase.

The Board then reviewed a draft of the District's Schedule of Water and Sewer Rates and Fees that reflect Ehlers recommendation.

The Board then reviewed a draft of the District's Tap Fees and Development/Core Charges that also reflect a 10% increase.

The Board discussed the significant increase in repair and maintenance costs that the District incurred in 2020, noting that the District had made a great deal of progress in 2020 but that these increased costs will be ongoing in future years.

The District Manager advised the Board that she would prepare a Customer Newsletter as soon as possible, to inform the Customers of the direction that the District was planning. Director Arthurs volunteered to review the Newsletter prior to mailing.

### **3.0 Operational Status**

- 3.1 Perry Park Water and Sanitation District Systems Report – The members of the Board reviewed the monthly operations report which was prepared by Mr. Parker.

Director Peterson requested more information regarding the decrease in water treatment in the new water year. Director Peterson requested that the monthly precipitation value be confirmed.

Director Maras highlighted the Ammonia result from the Sageport Wastewater Treatment Plant, noting that they were getting closer to the plants effluent limits.

The District Manager advised that as Mr. Parker was unavailable, she would follow up with him.

- 3.2 Monthly Staff Report – The members of the Board reviewed the Monthly Staff Report that was presented by the District Manager.

The Board reviewed the Water Rights Portfolio Estimated Valuation summary prepared by Hill & Pollock, LLC. Director Peterson highlighted that the current valuation is \$24.824 million. Director Peterson reflected that the District had established a goal of the District being on a 100% renewable water supply and that because the District has been strategic in their renewable water acquisition they were moving closer to that enviable goal.

- 4.0 Old Business/Immediate Issues** – Director Arthurs advised the Board he was leaving town the next day and would e-mail a draft of the February News from the Water District for review and comment.

Director Lucas thanked the District Manager for the improvements that she made to the online Board packet.

- 5.0 Audience Participation** – There was none.

**6.0 Adjournment** - A motion was made and seconded; (RESOLUTION 21-015) TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 18:23.

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Secretary, James Maras