

**SOUTH SANTA ROSA UTILITY SYSTEM  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**October 12, 2009**

**7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The 91<sup>st</sup> regular meeting of the South Santa Rosa Utility System Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m., at Gulf Breeze City Hall by Dr. Richard Snyder, Chairman.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

The following board members were present at the meeting: Dr. Richard Snyder, Otto Prochaska, Terry Mills and Thomas Naile. Those board members not present were: Mayor Beverly Zimmern, Dick Fulford, and Robert Sauer.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Thomas Naile made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from September 21<sup>st</sup> as written and to approve the regular meeting minutes from the August 19, 2009 meeting after language clarification was made under old business that the rate increase was for SSRUS only. The motion was seconded by Otto Prochaska and approved unanimously.

**4. REPORTS:**

**A. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Thomas Lambert gave the board the financial report for the first six months of the fiscal year. October 2008 through July 2009.

**B. OPERATIONS REPORT**

Vernon Prather stated that utility operations for August 2009 and September 2009 were normal. September saw a significant amount of rain (9").

Mr. Prather reported that work has begun to repair/replace corroded metal of the head works underneath the screens. This work also includes sandblasting and painting the entire head works. Mr. Prather also reported that they have made significant progress installing the new blowers by pouring concrete slab and also receiving quotes for the additional electrical work.

Mr. Prather reported to the Board that the September 2009 data was not available for this meeting due to cycle billing that just started in September. Those numbers will be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Prather reported to the Board that an independent permit was applied for and received for well 11D. This well had previously been covered under an umbrella permit with the golf course.

A Copy of the following correspondence was provided to the board:

- a) SSRUW WWTP Data for August 2009
- b) Water and Sewer Revenue Tables F/Y 2009,2008,2007 and 2006
- c) Water and Sewer Impact Fee Tables F/Y 2009, 2008 and 2007
- d) Schedule of Plan Review Fees F/Y 2008
- e) Construction Coordinator Report

The WWTP flow for August 2009 was 1.343 MGD and the Golf Course flow was .659 MGD. The reuse system was balanced by activation of supplemental wells and exercised provisions of the Effluent Disposal Settle Agreement as required when the lake is at or above 7.5'.

Sewer customer base from August 2008 to August 2009 has seen a decrease of .03%. Customer base for sewer has increased by 6.8% since Ivan. Sewer revenue for August 2009 was  $\$207,497/5772=\$35.94$  per customer and in August 2008,  $\$195,411/5791=\$33.74$  per customer. September 2009 numbers were not available.

Customer base for water from August 2008 to August 2009 decreased 0.7%. Customer base for water has decreased by 4.4% since Ivan. Water revenue in August 2009 was  $\$122,349/4191=\$29.19$  per customer and in August 2008  $\$118,463/4221=\$28.06$  per customer. September 2009 numbers were not available.

### **C. ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING**

Ric Delp gave the report on engineering and permitting.

### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Coral Strip Fire Protection:** Staff has met with and discussed the location of the fire hydrant on Coral Strip with Midway Fire Department and all feel that the current location of the hydrant is adequate. Midway Fire has enough hose and equipment to handle fires on the street and the flushing hydrant can be used to supplement the water supply and the draw tube assembly on their truck can be used to draw surface water. The fire chief stated that his staff has met with the Welman's and will do so again. A formal request has been made to the Chief to write a formal letter regarding all the houses at the end of Coral Strip.

**B. Impact Fee Incentive Plan:** The City Attorney has reviewed the proposed development policy and will work together with staff to develop language required for the financing options that will be offered. Once this has been done, the plan will be brought back to the SSRUS Board for review and approval.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. In-Kind Project- WWTF Blower Installation:**

SSRUS Board recommends that the City Council award the Blower Electrical Installation to Moody Electrical for an amount not to exceed \$149,000. Staff will conduct a value engineering study to determine if there are options for cost savings, including removal/reduction of the VFD's.

Otto Prochaska made a motion to award the Blower Electrical Installation to Moody Electrical in an amount not to exceed 149,000. Terry Mills seconded the motion and the vote for approval was unanimous.

**7. PUBLIC FORUM**

- A. The following citizens came before the board to express their concerns and opposition to the SSRUS water and sewer rate increase to be voted on at the City Council meeting on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Mike Handler of 1195 Grand Point Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563. Mr. Handler feels that the City's rates are too high and also questioned the Board as to why only four Board members only show up to each Board meeting.

Mr. Don Richardson of 1125 Park Lane, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563.

Mike Roberts of 1468 Whisper Bay Blvd, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563 expressed to the Board that he feels like the SSRUS Board is a puppet Board and distrusts the City of Gulf Breeze. Mr. Roberts also stated he feels the rates should be increased in the 32561 zip code as well as the 32563 zip code. He also suggested that the cost centers be combined so both residents in the Gulf Breeze City limits and those outside the City limits share the same rates.

Terri Kuvach of 3491 South Wind Drive, Gulf Breeze, and FL 32563 expressed to the Board that if rates are going to be increased it should be done across the board to both the 32561 and 32563 zip codes.

As there was no other business the meeting was adjourned.

- 8. SETTING OF NEXT MEETING-** December 14, 2009

- 9. ADJOURNMENT AT:** 8:05 p.m.