

HARTSTENE POINTE WATER-SEWER DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 7, 2023
HPMA CLUBHOUSE 202 E POINTES DR E SHELTON WA 98584

MINUTES

PRESENT: President E. J. Anderson, Audit Commissioner A. Hospador, Secretary S. Swart, General Manager (GM) J. Palmer, Project & Accounts Manager (PM) J. Sartori, Matt M. from Century West Engineer

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

SUBSCRIBER REMARKS: Approximately 75 subscribers present, 30 of which via teleconference

PRESENT AGENDA: *Commissioner Hospador moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Swart seconded. Hearing 3 aye votes and 0 nay votes, the agenda was adopted as presented.*

BUSINESS:

Presentation by Century West Engineering about Upcoming Sewer Infrastructure Upgrade Project: Matt M. shared presentation about upcoming project. Matt, GM and PM fielded questions primarily following the conclusion of the presentation.

A resident asked about the life expectancy of CIPP lining. Matt responded that CIPP lining has a life expectancy between 60 and 100 years.

A resident asked if the project specific to the bluff area would affect both Pointes Drive East (PDE) and Pointes Drive West (PDW). PM responded that the work in that area is on PDE.

A resident asked for an estimated time between manholes. Matt replied that typical work between manholes would last one or two days and where possible, would leave half of the roadway remaining passable.

A resident asked about the total project cost. Matt M. replied that it is too early to have an estimated figure, but responded that the project could cost anywhere between five and fifteen million dollars.

A resident asked if the project may require installation of second clean-outs. Matt M. responded that if such clean-outs were required due to this project, it would be a part of project expenses.

A resident asked about the causes of the violations. GM responded, discussing the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) struggles the sewer system has faced for decades and the common challenge faced by the industry as a whole. He also explained Ecology's permit requirements and the way Ecology typically addresses violations.

A resident asked if the project will solve the "problem of fire hydrants not working." PM responded that this project will have no impact on hydrants.

A resident asked if portable toilets will need to be available for any "down time" of sewer service. Matt M. responded that there should be no disruption of sewer service throughout the project.

A resident asked if fiber optic service could expand in conjunction with this project. GM replied that the two projects are unrelated and that PUD #3 is the entity to ask about fiber expansion.

A resident asked if roads will be dug up as part of the project. Matt M. explained that roads are not planned to be dug into as part of the project.

A resident asked if the community will have a construction project plan updated as work proceeds. PM replied that as plans are updated, the community will be informed and the sewer project page on the District's website will be updated.

A resident asked if the presentation slides will be made available after the meeting. PM informed that they will be available on the District website.

A resident wrote, "This is a comment for Jeff Palmer. I am continually impressed with your planning and project management skills of HPWSD. Thank you very much for your leadership."

A resident asked if grants will cover the project and if owners will then not share any cost of the project now or in the future. Matt M. replied that there will be a loan component, but at this time does not know what loan to grant ratio would be determined.

A resident asked when owners would be aware of any financial impacts and if it would be an assessment or higher rates. Matt M. replied that it is too early to determine, but as the District becomes aware, information will be passed on to the community.

A resident asked if individual home owners or the costs of cluster pumps will be covered by the project as a whole. Matt M. replied that this would likely be a District expense as part of the entire project cost.

A resident asked if new sewer connections on existing buildings have to be relocated. Matt M. indicated that rerouting of sewer lines will not require a homeowner's point of entry into sewer lateral to be changed.

A resident asked if septic options could be explored as an alternative to cluster pumps. Matt M. indicated that it is not likely a legal option.

A resident asked about lift station operations in the event of a power outage. Matt M. indicated that whether by on-site or portable generators, options for continued operations in the event of power losses are considered during planning of any such implementation.

A resident asked if other communities in the Northwest have had similar projects and if there is anything to learn from those experiences. Matt M. gave several examples of other sewer systems in WA State that have complete similar projects and how they were completed.

A resident asked about responsibility for root infiltration of personal lines in the common area. Matt M. was unsure of district policy, but that this project is about rehabilitating the concrete mains that belong to the District and that the CIPP lining will resolve current root infiltration in concrete mains and that roots will not be an ongoing problem in sewer mains with CIPP lining in place.

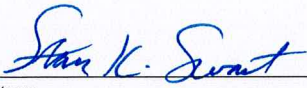
A resident asked if the system is sized to support all lots and asked if there was a concern regarding rise of Puget Sound waters. Matt M. conveyed that the system was designed to support all lots and that the rise of Puget Sound waters is not a concern to the District's infrastructure.

A resident asked if the newly patent pipes will lead to increased pooling of water on surfaces since it will no longer be carried away in the sewer lines. Matt M. indicated that surface water will not be affected enough to cause any issues following sewer repairs.

Several residents expressed appreciation to the staff, commissioners and Matt M. for the presentation, meeting and ongoing commitment to the health of the water and wastewater systems.

Commissioner Hospador moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Swart seconded. Hearing 3 aye votes and 0 nay votes, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Signature

Stacy Swart, Secretary, Commissioner #3

Name and Title

Approved at the Special Meeting of the Board on: 10-19-2023