

**Round Hill General Improvement District
Board of Trustees Public Hearing Minutes
August 15, 2017**

Tuesday

4:00 pm

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Seibel.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Steve Seibel.

3. Roll Call

Chairman Steve Seibel, Vice Chairman Wes Rice, Trustees Chuck Fagen Keith Fertala and Darin Smith were present. District Manager Greg Reed and District Counselor Justin Townsend were present. Residents Dan & Alice Wilkinson were present. Matt Van Dyne of Farr West Engineering was also present.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Fertala/Rice 5-0 approved.

6. Discussion and possible action to consider slope stabilization on the slope behind Dan and Alice Wilkinson's home at 262 McFaul Way.

The proposal for work to be done at 262 McFaul Way sent to Greg had no price on it therefore; the item could not be discussed and was tabled until the September meeting. This item was tabled until the September board meeting.

7. Discussion and possible action to expand the scope of work for Farr West Engineering to add a geotechnical investigation to the Castle Rock water main replacement project.

While digging test pits to determine the location of the water lines at Castle Rock (CR), it was determined that the piping at CR is not steel, but rather Transite. In addition, the pipe is 4" in diameter, not 6". The pipe material is of concern in that Transite pipe is typically abandoned in place and not removed by open trenching or pipe bursting. Abandoning the existing pipe in place will necessitate installing the new line in an entirely new trench, thereby eliminating the possibility of utilizing pipe bursting to install the new lines.

Therefore, to minimize surprises and costly change orders during construction, it is prudent to conduct a geotechnical investigation to determine the conditions in the ground where the new lines are likely to be installed.

Farr West originally had a geotechnical investigation in the scope of work of their first proposal which was removed during negotiations over scope of work and pricing. We now propose to put the geotechnical investigation back into the scope of work for the project at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.

Motion to approve a change order in the Farr West contract contingent upon Castle Rock HOA approval. Fagen/Rice 5-0 approved.

8. Consent Calendar

Motion was made to approve the consent calendar as presented. Rice/Fertala 5-0 approved.

9. Staff Reports

Manager Reed reported that District staff attended the DCSID monthly Board meeting. Discussions included the legislative session and the failure at their newly constructed overflow chamber. The chamber is collapsing and ground water is entering the chamber. DCSID sent a letter of claim to the contractor informing them that the system has failed and that they need to repair the basin. The insurance company for the contractor wants to have their own Engineer look at the basin. Wes Rice was introduced as RHGID's representative on the newly created Douglas County Lake Tahoe Sewer Authority's Board.

District staff prepared for, and hosted, the third annual Round Hill neighborhood luncheon. The luncheon was well attended and well received. Now that we have been conducting the event for several years, most of the glitches have been eliminated.

District staff interviewed four applicants for the open Operator I / Operator II position. All four interviewees presented themselves well. In the end, District staff offered the position to Andrew Hickman and he accepted. He will start on August 14th, given his successful completion of physicals and drug screenings. Andy provides stability to the District during our transition period.

District staff has advertised for the position of District Manager in the Record – Courier, the Reno Gazette – journal, the Nevada Rural Water Association's website and on Craigslist in Reno. The application deadline was August 11th. Applications will be distributed to the subcommittee for review and potential interviews.

District staff completed the review of the Operator Rules and is now prepared to pursue modification of the Rules through the process as established by the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water.

District staff attended the Tahoe Water Suppliers Association's Aquatic Invasive Species subcommittee meeting. Public comment is now being accepted by the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board on the herbicides exemption application submitted by the Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association. TWSA will provide written comments. A pilot project utilizing ultraviolet lights suspended from a boat into the water to irradiate weeds is underway at the Lakeside Marina. The results of the pilot project are VERY promising. TKPOA will not support a test in the Keys, nor will they support a test of another method; laminar flow technology. The laminar flow technique while not specifically designed for removal of aquatic weeds, it has been found effective at removing weeds. It is a method whereby diffused air is injected into the water column via bubble diffusers. TKPOA's continued refusal to incorporate innovative non – herbicide methods into their process will not go un-noticed in TWSA's comments to the Lahontan Board.

District staff filed a small claims action against a Round Hill resident for non-payment of water and sewer charges. The court date has been set for the beginning of October.

As of 8-14-2017, the hours of operation at the District were changed to M – TH, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. As stipulated by the Board at the July Board meeting, the change in hours will be for a two month trial period and this item will be back on the Board agenda for the October meeting to discuss making the change permanent.

District staff coordinated the cleaning of the intakes. The intakes are usually cleaned in late September or early October, but the Operators noticed that there were air bubbles coming up through the filters.

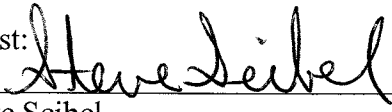
Troubleshooting included operation of air relief valves, ensuring the vacuum system was operating properly and every other potential operational problem they could think of. The air was coming up in both filters which indicated that it was not a problem within the manifolds of each filter. It is unlikely that both manifolds would fail at the same time. Therefore, we asked that the intake be cleaned. The diver that cleaned the intakes said it was the worst he had ever seen. Once the intake was cleaned, the presence of air bubbles was greatly reduced. It appears that the air problem is related to higher than normal air content in the source water coming from the Lake.

No Attorney's Reports.

Vice Chairman Wes Rice who was appointed to sit on the Douglas County Lake Tahoe Sewer Authority Board reported that he attended the first meeting and was impressed with the way it was handled given past circumstances. He stated that their Manager Rob Hopkins would be taking each member of the board on a tour of the facilities individually.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn. Rice/Fagen 5-0 approved.

Attest: 

Steve Seibel
Chairman



Keith Fertala
Secretary