# SOUTH DAVIS SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 1800 West 1200 North, West Bountiful, UT 84087 15 October 2020

The Board of Trustees of the South Davis Sewer District, Davis and Salt Lake Counties, met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held electronically without an anchor location with the following members participating:

Dee Hansen
Howard Burningham
Randy Lewis
Mark Preece
Len Arave

Chairman
Vice-Chairman (via videoconference)
Trustee (via videoconference)
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Excused:

John Davies Ryan Westergard

Others meeting with the Board:

Dal Wayment General Manager/Treasurer
Matt Myers Assistant General Manager
Mark Katter Accounting Manager/Clerk
Susanne Monsen Administrative Asst/Asst Clerk

#### 1. OPEN MEETING:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and read the Electronic Board Meeting Determination statement.

## 2. CONSIDER AND DECLARE INTENT TO INCREASE 2021 PROPERTY TAXES:

#### A. PURPOSE OF THE INCREASE.

In 2014 the Utah Division of Water Quality (UDWQ), passed a rule mandating an increase in removal of phosphorus from all Utah wastewater treatment plant discharges effective January 1, 2020 (R317-1-3.3, Utah State Administrative Code). In addition to the new phosphorus rule, UDWQ issued South Davis Sewer District more stringent ammonia limits for both of its treatment plants.

These more stringent regulations necessitate substantial infrastructure improvements at both of the Districts treatment plants. The effect of constructing these improvements will be increased costs and capital construction and operation of much more sophisticated treatment facilities. The District has a long-standing tradition of fiscal responsibility. After the tax increase is enacted, customers of the District will pay a tax that is 34% of the Wasatch Front average.

#### B. PERCENTAGE INCREASE.

The proposed tax increase is 45%.

# C. DOLLAR AMOUNT INCREASE.

A home with a market value of \$375,000, would have a taxable value of \$168,750 (55% of market value) which would be an increase of \$1.43/mo. or \$17.21/yr. Based on current values this increase would generate approximately \$945,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Randy Lewis seconded by Mr. Howard Burningham to Declare the Intent to Increase the 2021 Property Taxes as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Trustees Hansen, Burningham, Lewis, Preece and Arave voting "aye".

# 3. RATIFICATION OF ALL BOARD MOTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> AND SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

In reviewing electronic meeting requirements with Mark Anderson, the District's legal counsel, he noticed the wording on our previous agendas referencing the Governor's Executive Order which went into effect on 3/18/20. This statement was required on our Agenda's to allow electronic meetings. The Order expired the end of June, but the Notice wording remained on our Agenda's. According to Mark, motions made by the Board after the expiration date are possibly not valid since the wording continued on our Agenda's. He recommended that we ratify those motions and actions taken as a specific Agenda item.

The motions in the July through September Board Meetings include Minutes, Disbursements, Subdivision Agreements, Subdivision Deeds, South Plant NOV Options, Creation and Appointment of the Assistant General Manager position, adoption of Supplemental Resolution No. 173, and Request for Bids for the Membrane Filtration Equipment for the North Plant.

Motion was made by Mr. Howard Burningham seconded by Mr. Mark Preece to ratify all Board motions reflected in the Minutes of the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meetings of the Board of Trustees as discussed. Motion carried unanimously with Trustees Hansen, Burningham, Lewis, Preece and Arave voting "aye".

### 4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 29 October 2020, 5:00 p.m. with the Public Hearing to commence at 6:00 p.m.

# DISMISSAL:

The meeting ended at 5:15 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Trustees