

PINETOP-LAKESIDE SANITARY DISTRICT

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**REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
January 8, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman Place called the Board meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Board Vice-Chairman Christopher Kengla led the Board, Staff and Legal Counsel in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Present were: Patrick B. Place, Board Chairman, Christopher C. Kengla, Board Vice-Chairman, Paul W. Meier, Secretary, Diana W. Butler, Board Member. Staff Members present were: David J. Smith, District Manager, Mark Heberer, Finance Manager, and Marcia Theiner, Accounting Clerk II. Also present was William R. Whittington, Legal Counsel for the Governing Board.

Neal Whittle, Board Member was excused.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Kengla made a motion to remove and table the Minutes of the December 11, 2019 General Public Meeting from the Consent Agenda. Board Member Butler seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Kengla made a motion approving the presentation, Approval, and Payment of Bills, Invoices, Warrants and Capital Purchases for the month of December 2019. Board Secretary Meier seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Board Chairman Place read the Call to the Public statement and opened the Call to the Public at approximately 6:15 PM.

The following people addressed the Board regarding their concerns about the Rotary Bio Mixer and the alternative method that may replace it.

Gary Atkins – Looking at the situation the most significant points are life time of the Digester and concept of the wear bars. Life time of the Digester is approximately 25

years. It has been in use 20 years and if not utilized anymore would be wasting tax payer's dollars. Mr. Atkins contacted the manufacturer of the Digester regarding the wear bars. He said he was told by the manufacturer if the District is only using cardboard, wood chips, and sludge to make compost the wear bars should not need replacing.

Donna Sherwin- Ms. Sherwin is concerned the District is not making an effort to educate the public about the compost it is producing. She would like to see more information on the District's website regarding the processing and sale of the compost. Ms. Sherwin commented on the District not having an Open House the last couple years.

Robert Ingels- Mr. Ingels appreciates the discussion and information that is out right now regarding the Digester. Looking forward to Agenda item 7.A. on the history of the Digester and update on the composting facility. Mr. Ingels suggested the District put out a newsletter quarterly or annually to keep the public informed as to what is happening at the District.

Larry McCormic- Mr. McCormic recycles his cardboard and paper at the District. Mr. McCormic asked the Board if there is an asset management plan to compare cost to old and new composting process; also if the Board has a strategic plan as to where they want to be in the future.

Quila Rider- Ms. Rider would like to see the District look into other uses for the Digester. If the Digester stays in use can the District get a refund for the new equipment?

Jeff Rhyan PLSD Plant Operator- Mr. Rhyan says his job is not glamorous. The wear bars on the Digester are still wearing out. The wear bars keep the shell of the Digester from wearing out. The Digester needs twice the amount of carbon to keep from getting balls in the compost. This is causing a lot of cardboard being wasted. The District should keep the new equipment in use.

Burna Donahe- Ms. Donahe is concerned about operating costs and what has been expended. She fears losing a place to recycle and would like to see reports as to why the Digester needs to be replaced.

Melissa Kenchiová PLSD Operations Supervisor- the Digester is designed for Municipal waste. When the District was taking in Municipal waste the compost was full of glass and was not marketable. The District then switched to using paper and wood only with the sludge to make the compost. Ms. Kenchiová says the new composting equipment is much more efficient than the Digester.

Leslee Wessel- Ms. Wessel is looking for clarification on the history of the Digester.

Mark Wessel- Mr. Wessel respects the Board's decision to purchase the new composting equipment. He sees that the Board does not take spending money lightly.

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Board Chair's Report.

Board Chairman Place did not have a report.

Board Secretary's Report.

Board Secretary Meier did not have a report.

Manager's Report.

Update – Collection System Departments activities.

The District Manager reported that the Collection System crew cleaned 12,145 linear feet of sewer line, televised 6,632 linear feet, 17 manholes inspected.

Total system inspection for 2019 was 20% resulting in the Collection System Department reaching their goal.

Update – Plant Department activities

The District Manager reported that the average daily flows for the month of December were 1.05 mgd; organic removal was at 98%, nitrogen results - mg/L.; precipitation 3". Composting Facility received paper/cardboard from Waste Management and City of Pinetop-Lakeside Collection Center. The District sold 0 yards of compost.

The District Manager's Reports concluded

Accounting Report

The Finance Manager did a Power Point Presentation on a 5 year comparison Budget to Actual expenses.

The Finance Manager clarified that the 21 Public Record requests received since December 12, 2019 were fulfilled in a timely manner.

The Finance Manager Reports concluded.

7. BUSINESS

A. History and update on composting facility.

The District Manager gave a Power Point presentation on the history of the Digester and update on the composting facility. Additional comments from the Public:

Leslee Wessel- Ms. Wessel thanked the Board for their due diligence and is impressed with the substantial stability of the District. She is well aware of the Community's desire to recycle but don't throw more monies into the digester. The District should continue with the new composting method.

Gary Atkins- Mr. Atkins suggested to the Board to keep running the Digester until it stops. He still wants an Advisory Committee to be formed.

Robert Ingels- Mr. Ingels commented that what Ms. Wessel said is good. The information the Public received at tonight's meeting was very valuable. He supports the new equipment for composting.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Chairman Place directed the Board Members that if they have any items for the Agenda to contact the District Manager.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chairman Place adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 PM.

Adopted and approved this 19th Day of February 2020.

c/c Patrick B. Place
Patrick B. Place, Board Chairman