

PINETOP-LAKESIDE SANITARY DISTRICT

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REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
July 14, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Meier called the Board meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Board Member Beeler led the Board, Staff and Legal Counsel in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Present were: Paul W. Meier, Board Chairman, Diana W. Butler, Board Vice-Chairman, Patrick B. Place, Board Secretary, John M. Beeler, Board Member and Kenny Keith, Board Member. Staff Members present were: David J. Smith, District Manager, Mark Heberer, Finance Manager, and Marcia Theiner, Accounting Clerk. Legal Counsel for the Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary Board joined us via conference call.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Beeler made a motion approving the Consent Agenda, as presented by Staff for June 2021 bills and invoices... Board Vice-Chairman Butler seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Board Chairman Meier read the Call to the Public statement and opened the Call to the Public at approximately 6:01 PM. There was no response from the public, and therefore Board Vice-Chair closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:02PM.

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Board Chair's Report.

Board Chairman Meier did not have a report.

Board Secretary's Report.

Board Secretary Place did not have a report.

Manager's Report.

Update – Collection System Department activities.

District Manager Smith reported that the Collection System crew cleaned 22,400 linear feet of sewer line, televised 9,524 linear feet, 10 manholes inspected. Raised manholes.

Update – Plant Department activities.

District Manager Smith reported that the average daily flows for the month of June were 0.92 mgd; organic removal was at 97%, nitrogen results – 17 mg/L. Compost produced 200 cubic yards. The District sold 94 yards of compost.

District Manager Smith reported there was an electrical surge that possibly knocked out Scada computer, and caused it to lock up. We ran things on hand manually at each computer, and had to babysit things a little bit. Ordered a PLC-Programmable Logic Controller. Installed it, and the company out of California can program it remotely.

Collections Crew is working 6am to 430pm .

The District Manager's Reports concluded.

Accounting Report

Finance Manager Heberer reported 21 new connections, 1 reconnect for the month of June.

We are ahead on revenue, and expenses are down.

Field work Audit finished today, It was just one person that came this time. Just a few minor issues we will be addressing.

The Finance Manager Reports concluded.

7. BUSINESS

A. Discussion, Consideration, and possible action regarding Compost process including paper and cardboard status.

The District stopped accepting cardboard and paper about six (6) months ago based on equipment failure and the related repair cost.

Staff has continued producing compost with dewatered biosolids and woodchips. The process is simpler and saves labor equipment usage.

The cost to properly shred cardboard and paper would cost around \$100,000 for the equipment.

There are issues that result from our composting process. One specific issue that may create a problem is the threat of a lawsuit because our compost has some glass pieces. A customer purchased compost for new grass in their yard and glass was in the compost. We have had some complaints in the past about glass, but we were hoping the content of glass would decrease as the process was cleaned up. There is glass and plastic that has remained in our system for years even though we have seen a reduction in the amount. To some people one piece of glass is too much.

Composting has always had a level of potential liability, but with more people purchasing the product there is an increase of exposure.

The history of composting change has been the result of public pressure and economic reasons. In 2007 there was no market for the District compost that included municipal solid waste, so we changed to cardboard and paper. There were collection bins all over the White Mountain area, which continued to see trash mixed in with the "cardboard and paper only" bins. The change was made to only accept cardboard and paper at the District facility to help reduce the non-compostable material. The change to stop all incoming material was a result of repair costs for failing equipment and the continuation of contamination being brought into the district.

Operational cost for composting has always been more expensive than other methods, but the Board wanted to continue this operation because of the community response.

District Manager Smith stated we have a contamination problem from inside the plant with the compost. Contamination has stopped from the outside since we stopped taking paper and cardboard. There is glass and plastic in ground everywhere from previous years.

We received a complaint about glass in the compost.

He also stated if we want to get rid of that we would need to start over, get rid of everything we have, pour concrete so it is all on a hard surface.

Board Chairman Meier stated he thinks our release we have customers sign needs to be looked at and add potential of unknown chemicals, glass is possible.

He said maybe we can have a few more slabs of concrete poured. My opinion is we should explore options to clean up the product, and direct Bill to review our current waiver and get it updated if needed.

District Manager Smith said he would hate for The District to spend all this money and then the EPA change their mind on Operation policies. Wants board to understand there are risks involved. We are not making money selling compost, and we already know if we were to go to the landfill today The District would save money.

Tabled to next board meeting, action item needs to be reworded and detailed to make a motion on permanent discontinue of taking paper and cardboard.

B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding removal of Digester.

The District has advertised the sale of this equipment for over a year without any interested parties.

The option to remove the equipment has been investigated and pricing has been provided to the District.

Mayhan Fabricators gave the District a price of \$344,000 to remove this equipment.

M.M.S.I. also gave pricing to remove this equipment for \$74,500.

The removal of this equipment is a large undertaking, but would open the building up for composting operations under a roof.

Board Chairman Meier feels like we have put a lot of effort with composting program, and there is really not a use for that piece of equipment. Mark if you feel there is money available, we have been 18 months in this process of removal of the Digester.

Board Member Beeler made a motion for MMS to begin moving forward with dismantling the Digester, and not to exceed \$74,500. Board Secretary Place seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Manhole Rehabilitation.

Staff feels the long term solution for manhole corrosion issues is to use a PVC liner as offered by Construction Product Marketing (CPM). CPM discussed pricing in an attached email that each manhole would not exceed \$15,000.

Staff's recommendation is to reline four (4) manholes located on Hansen Lane.

District Manager Smith stated there are 6 manholes at around \$15,000 per manhole, 10 year warranty so possibly around \$100,000. Board Chairman Meier stated if this is the best feeling and outfit to go with? District Manager Smith Answered yes.

Board Member Beeler made a motion to accept the bid from Construction Product Marketing for six (6) manholes for \$15,000 a manhole plus tax. Board Member Keith Seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Update on Digester removal
2. Clarifier Rehab
3. Final decision on cardboard and paper for Compost process

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chairman Meier adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:50 PM.

Adopted and approved this 11th Day of August, 2021.

c/c Paul W. Meier
Paul W. Meier, Board Chairman