

HOMESTEAD VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of
January 22, 2013 at the Homestead Valley Community Center

1. Call to Order: President Einar Asbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Board members present were Interim Secretary Burnett Tregoning and Directors Scott Noble and Robert Westbrook. Also present: Manager Tom Roberts.

2. Visitors to the Meeting and Open Time for Public Expression: Visitors included Homestead Valley residents Jenny Yancey and Dan Siegell, 322 Laverne Ave., and Al Leibof, 209 Reed St., and Ray Cook, 115 Homestead Blvd.

Yancey and Siegell discussed the flooding that occurred in their home on December 22, 2012. They believe it to have been the fault of the District and have filed a claim for damages. Manager Roberts previously sent a memo to the District Board giving details of the incident and offering a differing opinion by Roto-Rooter personnel as to the cause.

Yancy and Siegell expressed concern regarding their inability to obtain a copy of the Roto Rooter report. It was explained that the matter is now in the hands of the insurance carrier, but that Tom Roberts will follow up with the adjuster, Janice Yardley, to get the report to them. It was also agreed that this matter would be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Mr. Leibof and Mr. Cook attended the meeting to express a desire to fill the board vacancy caused by the resignation of Catherine Howe, who is moving out of the District. They both stated their qualifications and reasons for seeking to serve.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of December 18, 2012: It was moved by Scott Noble, seconded by Burnett Tregoning, that the minutes be approved. Motion adopted 4-0.

4. Financial Report and List of Payments to be Approved: Roberts reported that major revenue sources last month included property taxes and sewer service charges, including the public housing sewer service charge. The major expense item this month is the \$140,043.00 SASM assessment. With January expenses considered, the District will maintain a balance of over \$500,000. Roberts noted that by April the District will be well into the black and able to resume its capital improvement program (CIP). Asbo requested that Roberts obtain a list of recommended projects from Nute Engineering.

Action taken: M/S Westbrook/Noble that the financial report be accepted and the list of payments be approved; adopted 4-0.

5. Manager's Report: Roberts reported that he has been in contact with Roto-Rooter and Nute Engineering regarding possible capital improvement projects. Some hot spots have been fixed. He also noted that we can expect to receive some hefty cleaning bills in the future.

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6. Reports of Outside Meetings: *SASM*—a new manager has been hired and seems to be competent. *LAFCO*—Asbo did not attend; only thing on the agenda was the statement to appear on the ballot presenting the case for consolidation of the districts. Each side is to write a pro and con.

7. Unfinished Business: *a) Discuss Consolidation*—Asbo reported that the election probably will be held May 6, by mail ballot. LAFCO will present the argument favoring consolidation and the districts affected will present the argument against. There was a question about the Registrar of Voters' requirement that the districts create one common argument rather than four different ones. Asbo and Roberts will meet with the County Counsel to resolve this issue. The ballot statement against consolidation is due February 18, and Asbo asked the board for assistance in its preparation. He noted that if any one of the four districts rejects the proposed consolidation it is defeated.

b) Discuss Progress of Smoke Testing/Lateral Rehabilitation Program—Roberts had nothing new to report.

8. New Business: *a) Consider Nomination for Special Districts Representative to LAFCO*—Asbo's term expires and he expressed concerns about running again. Deadline for submission of nominees is March 1. *b) Consider Efforts to be Undertaken for Replacement of Catherine Howe*—will be on next month's agenda.

9. Directors' Open Time: Noble requested that Roberts notify the board of the results of his conversation with insurance adjuster Janice Yardley. Roberts said he would do so via email.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 315 MONTFORD AVE.,
7:30 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013