

La Conner Wastewater Advisory Board
4th Quarter 2020 Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021

The La Conner Wastewater Advisory board meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. This meeting was held via Zoom. Information to join was posted on the WAB Agenda and on the Town website. Present were Administrator Scott Thomas, Manager for the Swinomish Utility Authority Mike Poppe, Plant Operator Kelly Wynn, Councilmember Jacques Brunisholz, Finance Director Maria DeGoede and citizen Dan O'Donnell.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Brunisholz moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020. Motion seconded by Administrator Thomas. Motion carried.

Finance Report:

Total expenditures were \$626,984 and revenues were \$686,350, which is a difference of about \$59,000.

Public Forum:

Citizen Dan O'Donnell made comments regarding I&I. Plant Operator Wynn mentioned this year they are set to video more areas. All areas that had issues in the past have been fixed. Plant Operator Wynn said they would do their best to drop the I&I by 10%.

Old Business:

Mike Poppe stated the Tribe sewer main replacement project has begun. They have a few more weeks left to complete the project. They have replaced a few sewer laterals that were problems or the homeowners elected to pay to have it done. They are hoping for a little less I&I.

The Tribe's 29 new lots going in have been going well. Mike Poppe mentioned about 60 total connections will be added from the Tribe to the wastewater treatment plant. The 8 homes that were built are connected to sewer already. They will start building on the 29 new lots this spring and into the summer. It will be about 5 years before they get going on the last of the 50 lots. There is a 5-to-10-year buildout.

New Business:

The Tribal sewer rates went up a little bit. Mike Poppe asked if that was due to increasing flows. He believes the Tribe's flow percentage did go up. Administrator Thomas stated the Tribe's flow went up 8.9% and the Town's flow went down. The fair share has been calculated.

Operator's Report:

Plant Operator Wynn stated the treatment plant is running well. Everything is normal in terms of wastewater treatment. They are in the final stages of an outfall study that was mandated by the permit.

There being no further business, Mike Poppe moved to adjourn, seconded by Administrator Thomas. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.