

Genesee Water & Sanitation Liaison Report for February, 2008

Submitted for the Genesee Foundation Board Meeting of March 12, 2008

In the absence of Jerry Hinz, I attended the GW&SD board meeting of February 26th. The following report is from my notes of that meeting.

- 1) In the month of January, 8.1 million gallons of water were taken out of Bear Creek, just over 8 million gallons of water were returned for a return rate of 99%.
- 2) Streamflow is currently running 16/17 CFS.
- 3) The final Spronk engineering report of water availability should be completed and presented to the board during the month of March.
- 4) There will be a water board election in May. There are three seats up for election. Two seats are four year terms, one seat is a two year term. In addition, there will be a ballot initiative question surrounding the method of funding a capital reserve fund for the district. The question was reviewed, and a supporting resolution passed during the meeting. The question appearing on the ballot will ask (this is a paraphrase of the actual legal language):

Shall the GW&SD taxes be increased by an amount not to exceed \$288,834 annually, from an increase in the district's mill levy of 3 mills, beginning in tax year 2009, and the remaining roughly one half of the reserve fund requirements being funded from increases in the districts water and sewer fees?
- 5) Since the district is not allowed by law to lobby on behalf of the resolution, it may need some local support and assistance in creating the "blue book" pros and cons of the initiative. The pros and cons are needed by March 21st so that they can be properly included with the blue book when it is mailed to voters.
- 6) The line extension agreement for the Air Force property is nearing finalization. All parties needs are being satisfied and the board believes that the Preserve HOA is satisfied with the outcome.
- 7) A customer on Sand Lily experienced a sewage backup in the sewer main below their property which forced sewage up into their basement and caused damage and necessitated a clean up. The board spoke at length with the homeowner and asked District staff to get with the district insurer to obtain a satisfactory resolution. If such resolution cannot be reached the board will discuss additional actions to be taken by the board to achieve a satisfactory outcome for both the district and the homeowner.
- 8) The board received an email from a Dr. Anderson, protesting the board's agreement to the easement encroachment agreement on the Strand property and asking the board to

rescind the prior agreement. After a discussion of the background there was a motion to rescind which died for lack of a supporting “second”.

9) The District’s office space lease is expiring. The current cost is \$10.30/foot. The landlord has asked for \$10.93/foot for the next three years. There was a motion which was passed three to 1 authorizing Scott to continue to negotiate with the landlord.

10) At the conclusion of the open meeting the board adjourned to an executive session to discuss legal matters.

Submitted on behalf of the Foundation & substituting for the GW&SD liaison, Jerry Hinz

Gary Anderson