

7. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT: BIG GULCH VALUE ENGINEERING & DESIGN/PHASE III:

Sorensen presented the reason for the work and the need for the contract with Hammond Collier Wade Livingstone (HCWL). Discussion followed. A motion was made to approve the professional services contract with HCWL in the amount of \$70,000. The motion was seconded and approved.

8. MERGER DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Andrews explained the selection of the General Manager issues that have come up in discussions. He mentioned he spoke to District Legal Counsel, Grant Weed, who he directed to look into answers to the concerns. Discussion followed.

9. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT:

This item was deemed not necessary by the Board and General Manager and was waived.

10. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION AT:

This item was deemed not necessary by the Board and General Manager and was waived.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEMS:

There were no executive session action items.

12. MANAGERS' COMMENTS:

- Sorensen shared information concerning the Big Gulch emergency repair project. Discussion followed. Commissioner Andrews stated the Big Gulch emergency repair project was accomplished quickly, efficiently, professionally, and from all reports, just in time to avoid further damage to the pipeline and potential harm to the creek. Commissioner Caine suggested a Resolution of appreciation be drafted acknowledging District Staff for their diligence, time, and hard work on the repair project. Commissioner Andrews praised Sorensen for his leadership during the project. He also mentioned he thought the District should send a letter of recommendation for the project contractor as well. Sorensen stated he would draft the documents as requested by the Board. Sorensen also stated he had drafted a letter of appreciation to the project staging property owner, Dennis Vrabek, for the Board and himself to sign.
- Sorensen mentioned he had filed a claim with FEMA regarding the project, and that they did validate the emergency. Sorensen mentioned that step allows the District to possibly qualify for a hazard mitigation grant program, which could provide funds for the entire Big Gulch project.
- Sorensen briefly outlined project points concerning On-Call Protocol, Lift Station #14, and the Park Ave. Casing Extension.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Andrews initiated discussion regarding the possible Big Gulch storm water bypass and how it relates to the Fisheries Department guidelines.
- Commissioner Caine thanked staff for the outstanding job they performed through the emergency project.

14. MEETING ADJOURNED:

A motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting. It was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Richard G. Andrews, President

Edsel Caine, Vice-President

Thomas H. Rainville, Secretary