

Minutes of the Port Ludlow Drainage District
Workshop Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2016 10:00 AM
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The March 24, 2016 Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) Workshop Meeting was Called to Order in the Bay View Room at the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Beach Club, 121 Marina View Drive, Port Ludlow, Washington at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Commissioner Jim Boyer.

Roll Call: Commissioner Boyer, present. Commissioner Wilcox, present. Commissioner Uyeda, present. A quorum was reached.

Attendance: Administrative Assistant Sue Bartkus. Guests included: Robert Gable, Gary Martin, and Katie & Mel Smith.

Chair Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting. He explained that this would be a conversational meeting (workshop), and that no votes would be taken.

1. Chair Boyer reported that he had hoped to concentrate on the draft **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**, a working agreement between PLDD and Jefferson County, during this day's meeting. He called representatives from Jefferson County to invite them to attend and work on the MOU, but they declined. County Administrator Phillip Morley asked that the PLDD submit a draft MOU for the County to review, prior to meeting with the PLDD again. Commissioner Wilcox noted that he had studied the most recent draft, and he had some suggestions for the MOU. He had studied the maps of the District and its outfalls, noting that Attorney Seaman had said the courts have ruled in favor of counties in most court cases. But, courts have reached different conclusions in different circumstances, making for confusing interpretation. The outfalls should be our major concern. Other areas are "getaway" areas, flowing to the outfalls. We need to preserve and maintain our project areas, but until we come up with something specific, I don't think they (Jefferson County) will pay any attention to us, we need to come up with something concrete. We need to take a look at these maps, determine what we want, and what we want to do.

Commissioner Boyer noted that his first concern is public safety, and to help our owners. During the problem at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) that happened recently during the unusually heavy rains; he had met with Russ Lowry and Larry Smith onsite a couple of times. They determined that the system is adequate; there was just a huge amount of rain at very short interval of time. Especially concerning are the areas where we don't have access to a green belt to direct overflow to, such as by Gary Martins property on Gamble Lane. Something should be done at the roadway. If we can't get the County to do their job, do we want to continue to assess North Bay property owners so that we can go through the process of engineering and permitting in the County right of way, and do what we can to improve their system? If we do, what liability do we accept for the project that we may have completed? I don't see Jefferson County agreeing to take it over or hold us harmless, according to what I've seen so far. So, I don't know what to do.

Commissioner Wilcox stated "We need to go to them saying this is the plan; this is what

we will do". We need to come to a conclusion with what we'll do. We are now a maintenance organization rather than construction; we have a change of direction.

2. Commissioner Boyer noted that Annette Isaksen brought several pictures of **Gamble Lane** during the recent heavy rains to the last (February) regular meeting. After the November meeting (with Jefferson County representatives present), we were supposed to get a follow-up letter from Monte Reinders assessing the situation on Gamble Lane. There's been no response from him.

Resident Gary Martin noted that Mr. Reinders did come to Gamble Lane, after the November meeting, with another man who said "That's not right, it needs to be fixed" and Monte said the neighbor's driveway was never approved by the County. He instructed me not to contact the neighbor, he would do it. Mr. Martin and Mr. Gable noted that some county employees were painting locator marks on the pavement of the street the morning of this meeting.

Commissioner Boyer noted that this could be a good indicator that Jefferson County was planning to do some remediation (re-grading) in the area. After this meeting adjourns, he will go up to take a look, and contact the Jefferson County Engineers.

Further discussion regarding the area ensued regarding the water collection on Gamble and where it was coming from, possibly Helm and Cressey Lanes. Commissioner Wilcox said that a firm plan is needed. We are now a maintenance operation rather than construction. Commissioner Boyer said he would like to consult with Engineer Lockett (PLDD Engineer) to find out what she thought. His questions would be based on the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan, and on what Yard Dogs responsibilities are.

3. A recent issue with a **sinkhole** on Pioneer, by the Keefe Lane green belt area was discussed. Commissioner Boyer and Commissioner Uyeda had looked at the sink hole, but the next morning it had been filled. Commissioner Uyeda noted that if the PLDD took on replacing every 30 year old pipe to conform to the 100 year storm requirements, the costs would be prohibitive. There is just no way to know. There are situations where no entity can plan for every eventuality, 100 year storms can happen 2 years in a row.
4. Commissioner Boyer noted that during the problem at the **WWTP** recently, the alarms didn't go off until after 6 p.m. He went out to look at some other District areas and the only overflows were on Gamble Lane and at the WWTP. Russ Lowry of Yard Dogs went to the WWTP and worked to clear the debris. Russ will set up a regular schedule with Greg Ray so that he can access the area and perform maintenance.
5. Chair Boyer reported that Carol Taplin, a resident near the **Cascade Lane** project, had complained that silt was collecting in the ditch at the end of her property on Rainier Lane. Nancy will be consulted about the problem.
6. Commissioners noted that Russ Lowry of Yard Dogs was doing a good job, and had even noted a few things to add onto the regular maintenance schedule. It was noted that a **maintenance plan review** should be done, and scheduled with Nancy and Russ Lowry.
7. Commissioners noted that an Outfall inspection should be conducted soon by our Engineer from the water side, and that it should be an item added to the next regular meeting schedule.

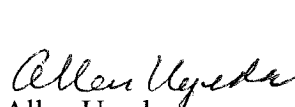
8. Katie Smith asked what the PLDD position is when there is no ditch, such as on Condon Lane, and the County can't access it. Commissioner Boyer noted that he tended to agree with the letter Nancy had written on the matter in 2010, sometimes when it involves private property, the owner needs to take care of it. Commissioner Uyeda noted that if an owner has impeded drainage against the County requirements, they're responsible for paying to correct it. Commissioner Boyer added that property owners have a right to remove drainage from their property, but not onto another person's private property.

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilcox. Motion was carried by Commissioner Uyeda. Motion approved 3-0.


The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PLDD will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 in the Bay View room at the Beach Club at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Susan Bartkus, Administrative Assistant

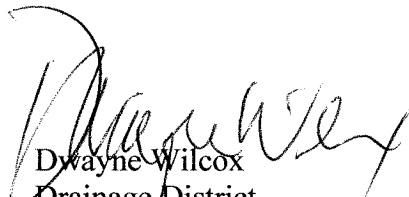
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