

Duane Jensen

MINUTES

VALLEY WIDE SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING

September 15, 1977

7:30 P.M.

County Commissioners Meeting Room

Present: Jim Wysocki, Gerald Ashby, Ted Ford, William O'Dwyer, Bob Strain, Leland Botkin, John Arcieri, Jim Patterson, Bob Jennings, Howard Roland, Conni McDonough, Duane Jensen, Larry Kozisek, Ralph Sterry and Jim Vancil, Maxwell Aley.

Howard Roland called meeting to order. Mr. Roland apologized for calling meeting off several times due to things that couldn't be controlled.

It was decided not to read the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Jennings said he had a few changes but didn't have them with him and would bring his corrections into Jim Patterson's office.

Jim Patterson said it had been originally scheduled for them to appear before the State Water Quality Control Commission the first Tuesday in September but this had been postponed until October 4th. They had been over and met with the executive board committee and to present the pre-design report. They will be going to Denver on October 4th, after Commission has had a chance to study report, and will be taking the recommendation from Committee to proceed with the mechanical treatment plant near port of entry on the Fuita Highway and River Road. By presenting this report are asking them to release the second part of Step II funds to proceed with the design of the plant and the River Road interceptors. If get go ahead, will be in design stage for 12 to 18 months. Patterson said they had brought back from Denver several copies of the "Pre-Design Report for Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Interceptor Sewers", and there were a couple copies at City Hall if anyone would like to come by and look at them.

Mr. Patterson said that Ed Carpenter has said he will be at the Oct. 4 meeting to continue with his presentation so expect for him to be heard. Patterson said he felt adequate study had been done and felt they won't get hung up with the State Water Quality Control Commission, expect to get go ahead.

Bob Jennings said there had been an odor from the present plant and wondered if plant was running close to capacity.

Ralph Sterry said that due to the dry conditions there was a definite difference in water compared to solids. There are a lot of flat lines and during dry years there is a lot of sedimentation which is flushed out when enough storm water gets into the system. This produces a septic condition and odor.

Jim Patterson said effective BOD removal treatment capacity at present plant was 5.8 mgd, and they were averaging 5.1 mgd now. There is a big project coming up on the Ridges, Central Grand Valley is very active, Paradise Hills package plant is off line, and they are now free to put in more development, so will be reaching capacity within two or three year projection.

Bob Jennings asked if the State Water Quality Control Commission would stop building permits when 95% capacity is reached if do not have a construction contract.

Patterson said that if everything proceeds like clockwork, we will be at 95% before can get new plant in operation. Can stop issue building permits and have a moratorium or can try to convince the Water Quality Control Commission, that since we are under construction, to allow us to go ahead with the present plant.

Patterson said they would try to work with the odor problem as much as possible, short of doing any major remodeling or modification to the existing plant since plans are now to abandon it. The \$616,000 budgeted for improvements this year will be channeled toward the new plant.

Conni McDonough presented agenda and said she felt they should take a look at the Grand Valley and sewer planning and how it effects land use planning. There are 16 sewer districts in Mesa County, five municipal and one county. There are questions that come up in the Planning office that are directly related to sewer and it is easy to give wrong information because they are lacking in information and knowledge. There are things they would like to do in Planning to decide where population should be in the valley that are directly tied in with sewer development. Water Quality Control Commission would prefer not to approve any package plants, plants that are interim in nature are necessary for developments.

Bob Jennings said economics would draw line; Duane Jensen said should be sure of geological conditions before development of subdivisions.

It was suggested that it would be good to get all sewer districts together and see if could have a uniform policy of serving in or outside their district. If they could come up with a plan that would work in their area, it would give the Commissioners a better chance to understand whether the sewage could be treated, and Planning Department would know that certain areas would be creating problem if approved for subdivision.

Roland said that the Tiara Rado sewer plant on the Redlands was a specific problem. The Tiara plant can't handle any more sewage and can't get to West Treatment plant from where they are.

Jim Patterson said the time is approaching to make a decision about who is going to own and operate the new plant.

Gerald Ashby said that the bonding people won't permit it to go the municipal route. The financial consultants, appointed by the Committee, should become involved immediately because of the eminence of the problem. There is one county system in the State.

Jim Wysocki said should decide what entity will be as City can't put more money in. Jensen and Patterson's time is fast becoming a premium.

Howard Roland said the meeting could be summarized as follows:

- (1) Get a consensus of opinion from the 16 different districts.
- (2) Go to Denver for the meeting on October 4th.
- (3) Get financial and legal counsel.

Mr. O'Dwyer wondered if could set a certain day each month for the meeting. Mr. Roland said would take this under advisement.

Meeting adjourned.

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AGENDA

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County Court House 207A

- I. Sewer planning and land use planning
 - a. districts, municipalities, county
 - b. planning commissions
 - c. citizens
 - d. developers
 - e. State Water Quality Control Commission
 - f. Federal EPA (201 & 208 plans)
- II. Are policies drafted jointly by local representatives desirable?