President’s Message -3/9/2023

The SDIC was very busy last month. We were able to successfully host the 2023 Annual Landowners meeting as well as our monthly Board meeting on the thirteenth of February. The significance of the timing of annual meeting may be irrelevant to most folks but it was especially important to me as it accomplished another one of the many goals, we set out to accomplish last year. Article 4 section 1 of our Articles of Incorporation states that the annual meeting of the members shall be held in the month of February, and as most of us know, due to Covid, we were forced to alter the timing of the annual meeting for the past 2 years. I’m happy that the annual meeting of the members is back on track, and I want to give a special thank you to the individuals (the SDIC Board, Susan, Chris and Alex with The City of Scappoose, Michael and the folks at Metro PreSort and especially Chase) who worked hard to get our timing back in line with our Bylaws.

Also, in February the SDIC continued to work to develop a relationship with the City of Scappoose by meeting with City Manager Raines who was kind enough to offer some suggestions and advice about next steps and ideas to achieve our SWOT analysis and long-range planning goals (which we’ll discuss later).

Operationally we completed some major pump repairs at the Evans Pump Station and worked with CalPortland to design and build a frame for the Johnson intake which Chase will dive into in his Manager’s report so I won’t steal his thunder.

Again, February was a busy month but March is shaping up to be even busier as we work to finalize infrastructure repairs and further develop our long-range planning system by establishing goals and realistic approaches to achieving them. We’ll also continue coordinating with the City as they approach the conclusion of their expanded IDA and work to remain involved with their Storm Water Master Plan process.

I’d like to add, and I know I mentioned it at the meeting last month, but the synergies we’re seeing by not only working with landowner members and our neighbors but also by creating an environment where we can collaborate creatively and bounce ideas off of the people and the resources around us, is beginning to not only benefit the SDIC economically but socially as well, as we continue to find ways to weave the goals and obligations of the SDIC with the needs and aspirations of our community.