



***Minutes***  
***Regular Meeting***  
***5:00 pm, July 9, 2020***

Chairman Charles Hegler called the meeting to order with Commissioner Leonard Bowick, Commissioner George Long, General Manager Adam Hedden, and Office Manager Cheryl Daniels present.

**On a Motion** by Commissioner George Long, seconded by Leonard Bowick, the Commissioners approved the June 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 2020 Accounts Payable and the May 2020 Financial Statement.

**Cheryl Daniels ~ Office Manager:**

The auditors will be here on July 31, 2020. We have approximately 40 customers on payment plans, most of which should be paid up in the next three months. Overall, operations are running smoothly in the office.

**James Robinson ~ Superintendent:**

Mr. Hegler presented JR's report:

Safety training for the month of July was Basic Equipment Safety and Usage. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

**Glenn Hill ~ Chief Waste Water Operator:**

Adam presented Glenn's report:

Jisk, Inc. has completed the job on the bar screen. The quote came in for the grit chamber. The rebuild price is \$83,365.00. We are also getting quotes on a total replacement. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

**Troy Caparro ~ Water Treatment Plant:**

Adam presented Troy's report:

The water plant has had a lot of complaints with bad taste and odor, due to lake turnover and algal bloom. They are treating it and put new procedures in place to take care of it. They have tested and passed the 5-year toxicity test for DHEC. The calibrations are complete on lab equipment. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

**Adam Hedden ~ General Manager:**

**Covid-19 –**

We are continuing to follow guidelines like other businesses in the state.

**Water Plant:**

- Financing – The interest rate went down for this quarter to 1.125%. A letter has been sent to USDA asking if they would be willing to close the loan early this September to lock in the current rate. The reduced rate saves over \$2,000,000.00 over the life of the loan. The Bond Attorney was asked if the length of time necessary to close the loan would be an issue for them. He mentioned that it may be helpful to pay of the 1996 loan before closing the new loan. He is checking into this and will advise.
- Meters -We are researching an option before putting the water meters back out to bid. If viable, the option could take advantage of the fiber being run to homes by WCTEL.
- Project Progression – We are waiting on the USDA to provide us a notice to award. Once that is provided, we can issue contracts to the contractors for signature and USDA review. Once that it complete, we will move forward to the preconstruction meeting and then start construction.
- Start Dates – Harper and Phoenix were asked about their ideal start dates. Harper would like to start November 1, with the contract being in place by August 1. This will give them time to organize. line up subs, order equipment, etc. Phoenix would like to start mid-September. This all depends on other items including financing.

**Wastewater Plant Grant:**

The RIA asked for some additional information on CMAR and the overall project length. The timeline that GMC provided us with shows construction finishing in late June. This is beyond the 24-month timeline generally allowed by RIA. If the RIA can extend the timeline, we can move forward with the scaled back version of the project. If not, the second option would be to remove the motors and vfd's from the project and replace them with other equipment like the bar screen. The bar screen and valves will not need CMAR and would reduce the timeline of the project pending equipment lead time. We are waiting to hear from the RIA on how to proceed.

**Wholesale Power:**

No change on the prepaid gas contract status. The did ask for financials from the past three years. Audits were provided in response.

**Capital Expenditures:**

The new budget started July 1. We will wait until later in the month or the first of August to move money over to the capital fund. Quotes are currently being obtained on some of the approved capital expenditures. However, the decision from the USDA on closing the loan early and the advice of the Bond Attorney could affect the timing of these purchases.

There being no further business, Mr. Hegler made motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cheryl W. Daniels*

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