



Minutes

Regular Meeting

5:00 pm, August 13, 2020

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

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

Cheryl Daniels ~ Office Manager:

The auditors were here on July 31, 2020 and everything was in good order. Update was presented on the COVID cases in bad debt status. (report attached as information) Overall, operations are running smoothly in the office.

James Robinson ~ Superintendent:

Safety training for the month of August is Blood Borne pathogens. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Glenn Hill ~ Chief Waste Water Operator:

Adam presented Glenn's report:

The number 2 aerator in digester is down. We are still discussing our options with the grit chamber. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Troy Caparro ~ Water Treatment Plant:

Adam presented Troy's report:

The lake level as of August 11 was 329.39 feet. We began treating the sedimentation basins with CL2 for manganese control. We increased flushing for color control. We have cleaned all basins for color and taste control. We have increased copper sulfate dosing to avoid algae problems. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

Adam Hedden ~ General Manager:

Covid-19 –

We had our first employee case of Covid-19 last month. The employee was in contact with other employees but no one else caught the illness. We are allowing 4 customers at a time in the lobby. Employee precautions remain the same, with the exception of any water treatment plant employee going out to take a sample to wear a mask.

Water Plant:

- **Financing** – The USDA is fine with us not paying off the 1996 bond prior to the issuing of the new bond. It will still be paid off immediately afterwards as previously discussed. The bond is scheduled to close on September 24, 2020. The first reading was Tuesday, August 10 at the town meeting.
- **Meters** -Fiber to the home to read meters was not a cheaper option. The water RFP should be in SCBO this week. We did provide an alternate on the meters that was still AMR/AMI capable but that allowed for moving parts. This was done to give an option in case bids came in higher than expected.
- **Project Progression** – The USDA provided us a notice to award. Contracts have been sent out to Harper and Phoenix. The engineering agreement amendment required by the USDA as part of the increase in overall project cost has been signed and mailed. We are now trying to set up dates for the preconstruction meeting. The meeting with Phoenix will be online due to restrictions in travel. Harper's will be in person here in the conference room.
- **Start Dates** – Harper has been out to the site on two occasions. They are still looking at late October or early November start date. We do not have an update from Phoenix yet.

Wastewater Plant Grant:

The RIA asked for a formal request. A letter was sent out along with attachments from GMC for consideration by the RIA. The RIA had a couple of follow up questions and that information has been provided. We should have a formal answer soon on the request and know how we can proceed. Additionally, the RIA did disclose that they would be agreeable moving the end date back some to help on the project. That alleviates some of the concern with lead time on the equipment.

Wholesale Power:

No change on the prepaid gas contract status.

Capital Expenditures:

State contracts were used to obtain pricing on a new backhoe. The pricing came in at \$84,338 for a New Holland, \$91,054 for a John Deere, and \$92,425 for JCB. These are all similar in size to our current tractor but do have an extension on the bucket. Adam recommends purchasing the John Deere due to issues with the New Holland new models. The service is good with John Deere plus they service on site. 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 were obviously some concerns last month regarding the discolored water in the system. This was a result of manganese. According to DHEC, many places in the state have been experiencing the same issue. McCormick County was experiencing this in their system prior to CPW having it in ours. We have been using a lot of extra chlorine to help combat this issue. Monday we ordered a barrel of potassium permanganate. Using this chemical to counter the manganese will allow us to cut back on chlorine to make sure we do not run into any THM issues.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl W. Daniels

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