

MINUTES

WINFIELD SANITARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

January 5, 2023
5:00 p.m.

On Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. the meeting of the Winfield Sanitary Board was called to order by Mayor Randy Barrett, at Winfield City Hall, 12248 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia.

ATTENDANCE

Those attending: Rod Burns, member; Clarence Litton, member; Randy Barrett, Mayor; Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Secretary; Billy Harper, Plant Manager

Others present: Tim Lafon, City Lawyer

PUBLIC: Isaac Fadiga, Thrasher Corp.

MINUTES

Hearing no comments, the minutes of December 1, 2022, regular meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL

Bill Approval. The bills paid for the month of December in the amount of \$106,031.30; hearing no comments the bills pass as presented.

Income/Expense. The financial statement for the month of December; hearing no comments, the financial statement passes as presented.

Adjustments. The adjustments for the month of December in the amount of \$700.11; hearing no questions the adjustments pass as presented.

REPORTS

Staff report.

Billy Harper reported that the sludge output has hit the goal of 20% once this month on December 28th, it did take 15-18 bags of lime. The plant employees are trying to tweak different parts of the process to hit the 20% without that much lime.

Staff report. (cont.)

Aqua Aerobics is waiting for someone to be in the area that can come by and fix where the lightning came into the plant last June at no charge. They spoke to Billy Harper and it could possibly be late next week that they will have someone in the area, we are currently using jumpers.

Chairman – comments/reports.

Mayor Barrett reported that four days after the freeze in December the press in the grit removal part of the plant froze up. The pad around the pump was not electric traced even though the parts leading to the pump were wired to be electric traced. The plant employees bought heat tape and got the pump running again the same day.

Clarence Litton suggested we have an electrical engineer look at the heat regulation addition to prevent future freezes. Isaac Fadiga will investigate the possibilities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Thrasher Engineering's progress report on the new wastewater plant and expenditures if any for new bills.

- **Backflow Preventor Update**- Isaac Fadiga investigated the matter and stated that the link on WV American Water website states that a backflow preventor has to exist, but WV American Water chooses how they want those set up. Jonathen Carpenter told Isaac Fadiga that it is normal to install one Master Backflow Preventor in a sewer plant. Isaac's contact at WV American Water has offered to come to the site and check the location of the backflow preventor.
- **Cake Pump Update**- Isaac Fadiga and CPEC engineers are discussing other options. The engineers state it is impossible for the cake pump to stop working because of the pressure switch even though it has at our plant. Isaac Fadiga was told that the 3-year warranty would be void if pressure switch was changed out in any way. Corey Smith had the original conversations with CPEC engineers. Tim Lafon would like for all communications with CPEC to be in writing. Isaac Fadiga stated that Thrasher would have included specs for the cake pump in the original plans for the plant with the assistance of CPEC engineers, he is working with them now to get actual sludge numbers on the belt press to the truck to see if the original specs were underestimated and might be the problem with the pump.

Infrastructure Projects utilizing the American Rescue Plan relief funds. Nothing to report.

Possibilities of spending Contingency Fund. Mayor Barrett provided specs for a 50' x 100' Pole Barn and asked for any additional suggestions from the board. It was determined that we will not need a 200-watt amp. Mayor Barrett will work on putting out a bid next week.

Solar Panels. Nothing to discuss.

Lightning Strike Solution Plan. Billy Harper reported that all equipment is in except for the breakers. Summit Electricians have made a couple of trips to the plant. New breakers were never discussed but Summit Electric said without them, the plant would need to be shut down for two days to complete the work. Once we receive the final bill from Summit Electric, we should be able to close out the Lightning Strike Insurance claim that is currently open with Engle Martin.

NEW BUSINESS

Manhole at Planters Road. There is a 6" line that comes into a 10" line providing service to three houses. Currently the only access is through a lady's yard beside her swimming pool. Benchmark has provided a quote to the mayor depending on how many days it takes to complete the new manhole; one day would \$5,500 or less; two days would be \$9,500 or less. Rod Burns made the motion to add a manhole at Planters Road and depending on how many days it takes to complete the project will determine funding source.

Benchmark has also stated they will start work to fill the holes at Riverside and Courtyard when whether slows their normal work schedule.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next Sanitary Board meeting will be February 2, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Rod Burns to adjourn at 5:37 p.m.

Randy L. Barrett, Chairman

Nikki Phillips, Secretary