

Sewer Commission Meeting

February 21st, 2019

Attendance:

Alexander Meisner- Commissioner
Thomas Walker- Commissioner
David Prickett- Engineer
Chelsey Little- Chief Operator

Call to Order-

- 4:08 pm

Citizens Concerns-

- None

Review and Approval of Minutes-

- Minutes of the January 24th 2019 meeting were **approved** by Tom Walker and Alex Meisner. Dan Gray absent.

David Prickett Consulting-

- 10-12 million dollars in capital needs in the next few years.
- Plant does not meet permit requirements when it rains.
- Chief operator and Prickett are in agreeance that the rain causes I/I failure.
- \$15,000 to put the USDA application together
- Meisner asks Prickett, "since we are up to compliance besides the rain, why do we need to spend this money?"
 - Plant is old and it needs upgrading. Collection system is lacking and the clarifiers need to be replaced. Most of the cost is in the clarifiers.
- USDA Grant pay back is up to 40 years. We are eligible for up to a 45% grant that we do not have to pay back.
- Prickett feels obligated to help us and the commonwealth to make things better for the plant. He does want the business for his company but he feels obligated to help us.
- Prickett wants us to commit to a timeline so he can finalize a draft.
 - Timeline is 15 months (spring of 2020 fastest case scenario) to ask the residents for money. 1 year for design and two years for construction. FY23 before we start paying back money. Nothing is finalized here... This is just a discussion

Chief Operators Report-

- We met permit except for % removal of B.O.Ds. we made 77.5% and we need 85% or better.
- Chelsey was looking to update the E.coli Enumeration method. Current method (m-ColiBlue24) is \$1,299.28 a year. The New IDEXX Method would cost \$5252.65 for the first year but will cost less than the amount we pay per year now in the future.

- If we did this now we would have to make sure this would not put us over budget by the end of the year.
- Bills have to be paid for the plant and Chelsey needs to find a certain spreadsheet to pay these bills.
- Chelsey has also proposed a digital flow chart upgrade with digital aerator timers. Estimate will come in 2 weeks. (3-5k est.)
- Spoke with Bob in Montague. We eventually may be giving them our sludge and they would compost it. We must give Lowell 60 days notice per our contract.

Topic Not Reasonably Anticipated-

- We have received some part time employment applications for the plant. Meisner will be looking over the applications on his own time.

Meeting End-

- 5:45

Tom Walker
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Alexander Meisner
Alexander R. Meisner