

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 15, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sims at 1:00 pm with Jim Hickey, Owen Nicholson, and David Wilson present in the conference room and John Handler via teleconference. Also present in the conference room was Manager Bruce Halverson, and Executive Assistant Keri Scott. There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

Director Hickey made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Wilson and passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Nicholson made a motion to approve the financial report for the month ending May 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Wilson and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board unanimously agreed to continue the NBWA Covid-19 Relief Program as is, to be reviewed again at the August regular board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Bio-Solids Project: We are waiting for the 40-day bench test results that should be returned around July 20th. Once the bench test results are received, the actual dredging of B-cell will begin.

Irrigation: Irrigation season is here and we have been given the green light from the farmers that they are ready for the water. We are not irrigating our own fields as they are preparing for Bio-Solid application. The new traveler arrived July 2nd, our traveler total is now four.

Upcoming Meeting with DEQ: Together, with Kennedy Jenks, we are going to plan a meeting with DEQ to discuss the addition of a flow meter closer to the treatment plant. This new flow meter would provide more accurate readings of the flows and should change our irrigation classification from a C to a D. This classification change would change the setbacks, which wouldn't be a problem, and the testing for class C is stricter than a D-class. There are times that we struggle to meet permit with the current irrigation tests.

Wheeler North Pump Replacement: The Flygt pumps for Wheeler North pump station have been ordered. The current pumps are 15 HP each. The Flygt pumps are so much more efficient that even in our wet weather, flows will pump more gallons per minute with 2-7.5 HP 480V pumps than we are currently doing with the 15 HP pumps. We will be able to use our existing variable frequency drives that tell the pumps to either ramp up and pump more or ramp down and pump less, depending on the flows.

Botts Marsh Project: Nothing new to report. Neither we, nor the City of Wheeler have heard when the Land Use Board of Appeal will take place.

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MANAGER’S REPORT (cont)

Covid-19: With Board approval, we will consider having our influent tested again with BioBot. We have had a lot of people here during the Fourth of July weekend and it would be nice to do another set of tests (4 weeks) to hopefully continue to have “none-detected” results. Cost per test is approximately \$1200.00. Director Handler suggested going after the SDAO grant for COVID linked costs and Manager Halverson replied that he is looking in to it.


BOARD COMMENTS

August 19th The ~~July 15th~~ Regular Board Meeting will be at 1:00 pm with options for teleconference and in-person conference room attendance.

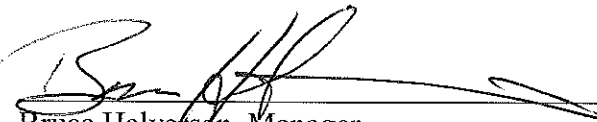
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

There being no further business, Chairman Sims adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.



Mike Sims, Chairman



Bruce Halverson, Manager