

# MABE Meeting Minutes January 26, 2016

In Attendance:

Absent:

Others In Attendance:

Rick Shaw  
Mike Popow  
Darrell Gibble  
Jose Colon  
Charlotte Gehman  
Stephen Kalis  
Joe Boldaz

Floyd Jennelle

Dave Friedman  
Jack Stuart  
John Larson

Meeting called to order at 7:02p.

## Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Darrell to approve the Meeting Minutes of the December 29, 2015 Board Meeting. Second by Mike. Motion Approved.**

Adjourn Regular Meeting 7:03 p

## Annual Reorganization

**Mr. Kalis will lead the reorganization as temporary chairperson.**

**Motion by Darrell to nominate the following slate of candidates for 2016. Second by Mike. Motion approved.**  
**Motion by Floyd to close the nominations. Second by Mike. Motion approved.**

**Rick Shaw – Chairman**  
**Floyd Jennelle – Vice-Chairman**  
**Darrell Gibble – Secretary**  
**Mike Popow – Treasurer**  
**Joes Colon – Board Member**

**Motion by Darrell to approve the slate of nominated candidates. Second by Mike. Motion approved.**

Adjournment of Reorganization Meeting, Regular Meeting resumed at 7:05 p.

**Motion by Mike with second by Darrell to appoint Stephen Kalis of Fox Rothschild as Solicitor and Joe Boldaz of Hydraterra Professionals as Authority Engineer at their published rate schedules. Motion approved.**

**Acknowledgement of EEMA as Plant Operator for one year and their published rate schedule per their contract.**

**Acknowledgement of continued services with Reinsel, Kuntz, Leshar as Auditor per their contract.**

## Public Comment

**None.**

## Correspondence

Resident Letters – Charlotte will forward complaint letters to Board members, prepare responses and review them with Rick before mailing.

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EEMA CPI Adjustment – review of rate increase for EEMA for 2016 as published. **Motion by Mike to accept the published rates. Second by Jose. Motion approved.**

## Admin Update

Collections Update - Board reviewed the quarterly report of Portnoff Submissions provided by Portnoff and properties scheduled for Sheriff Sale.

## Treasurer's Report

**Motion by Mike to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Darrell. Motion Approved.**

Escrow Review – Discussion of the escrow balances for Springfield Village and CEFC. Stephen reviewed the dedication for Springfield Village. Gary McEwen has chosen to pay the recording fees to the county directly.

CEFC has only one inspection left which does not justify requesting additional escrow money at this point.

## Operator's Report

Plant was running well through December, but at the end of the month high flows were experienced. The high flows affected the heating system. A microscopic inspection of the activated sludge biology revealed little activity and minimal biological life. Ink's hauled off the dead sludge and brought in fresh seed sludge from another site. Polymer was used to settle bacteria. Further exceedances are expected. Joe discussed the Inflow and infiltration and how that effects plant operations. It was also discussed that a toxic substance entered the treatment system and killed some of the biology. Dave suggested that a high volume of cleaning compound may have been put into the system. Dave suggests requesting lists of chemicals used on-site from local businesses and the elementary school. Dave will contact Twin Valley Elementary Center, Whitford Corporation and the Twin Valley Fire Company to ask about any cleaning projects during the December/January timeframe. Charlotte will write a letter requesting the chemicals used by businesses in the Borough. Dave also discussed the cold temperatures and the effects of the temperature on the nitrifying bacteria. The cold weather, the above grade treatment tanks and the location of the plant, in the middle of a field, with no buffers negatively impacts biological activity. Dave suggests considering insulation for the top and sides of the tank before considering supplemental heating.

Blower Building Door Repair - John has an appointment with Great Valley Lock Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to select a door. In the meantime, John has bent the door to get it to close.

John will request a quote on the neutral wire installation. The sink leak will be repaired at the same time. Joe recommends contacting the BACnet Control contractor or Eastern Environmental to add a 30 minute delay from when the filter overflows until the heating system re-starts. John will get a quote from Eastern Environmental for the delay relay.

**Motion by Rick to approve installation of a neutral wire and a delay relay at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.00. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

## Engineer's Report

WWTP HVAC System - discussed as part of Operator's Report.

Plant Water Project - Joe presented drawings and reviewed them with the Board. Joe asked Stephen to review the bid. Joe feels it can be ready to go out for bid in February. He has confirmed with the County that the project can be offered and the grant will apply to two contracts. Joe will get an additional quote to add auxiliary unit heaters to the building to determine if that can be part of the project. Joe estimates the cost of heaters to be about \$5,000.00. Joe would also like to add 3 allowances for additional work to add yard hydrants and piping to them. John requests an additional hydrant near the headwork's building.

Joe estimates this part of the project to be \$75-100,000.00. It is not crucial to Lagoon Closure, but to the plant operations.

Lagoon Closure Project-Joe presented the drawings and reviewed them with the Board discussing the various options. Joe estimates construction of the project to be about 6 months and estimates the costs to be about \$500-600,000.00

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without additional fill. Joe can add an allowance for additional fill in the event that becomes available or can be secured at a low price. The screen building and the chlorine contact tank will also be demolished as part of the project.

Chapter 94-Joe is waiting on operator information. Report is preliminary and he should be able to present the report at the February meeting.

## **Solicitors Report**

Enabling Resolution for the Tapping Fee to be presented at the February meeting. Joe and Stephen will work to finalize the resolution together.

## **Old Business**

WWTP Landscaping – to be reviewed again during Lagoon Closure project.

## **New Business**

MABE Finances – Rick reviewed the current financial reports and would like to meet with Daryl Peck and other financial advisors. John suggests that DEP can perform an energy audit at the plant. John will get a contact name and Rick will contact DEP about an energy audit.

DEP Email – Joe shared an email he received from Keith Dudley at DEP regarding storm sewer repairs being completed by Penn DOT and what the process is if they should run into an active sanitary sewer line. Joe indicates that this is a Borough issue and that DEP should be in contact with Mark Stabolepszy at SSM, Merle Stoltzfus and Borough Secretary Lori Kolb, with a copy to Charlotte.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:09 p

Next regular meeting will be on February 23, 2015 at 7:00p at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by Charlotte Gehman