

MABE Meeting Minutes April 29, 2014

In Attendance:

Rick Shaw
Floyd Jennelle
Doug Mountz
Charlotte Gehman
Joe Boldaz
Stephen Kalis

Absent:

Darrell Gibble
Mike Popow

Others In Attendance:

Dave Friedman
Jack Stewart
Milissa Hirst

Meeting called to order at 7:02p.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Doug to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2014. Second by Floyd. Motion Approved.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

Hydraterra Corbett Connection – could not find any cleanouts, but it is unclear if the two properties are connected. Stephen suggests sending a letter to the homeowners clarifying records and inquiring if they are connected.

Assessment Notice – Stephen inquired as to why the assessment notice was received. The Disinfection Project brought about the inquiry, but since MABE is tax free, no action is required.

Customer Comments – Rick reviewed the comments received by mail. Charlotte and Rick will work on an article for the newsletter.

SSM Jacobs Site Preliminary Plan - Discussion of items 12, 48 and 51 which refer to MABE. Joe reviewed the plan and will forward his comments to SSM. Joe discussed the DEP requirements of an 8 inch pipe which conflicts with Mr. Schempp's engineer's suggestion of 6 inch line. Joe suggested looking at other alternatives. Also discussed use of Corbett pump station and the challenges of that pump station. Mr. Schempp plans to submit additional escrow funds before more evaluation can be done.

Stoltzfus Enterprises Contract – **Motion by Rick to approve the contract. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Austin Landscaping Quote – Review of quote. Charlotte will ask Jeff about also chipping the pile of willow trees already removed. **Motion by Rick to approve quote and authorize work for \$1950.00. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

CEFC – Charlotte received a request for sewer application from Dave Stoltzfus for an addition to CEFC.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Rick to approve Treasurer's report. Second by Floyd. Motion Approved.

Operator's Report

The WWTP was processing an average daily flow of 93,000 gallons a day during the month of March. There may be a problem with the flow meter as this is considerably higher than previous months. John will investigate. Seed Sludge was hauled and added to Plant. Dave expects improvement once the EQ tank is back in operation. Had a meeting with DEP, which Joe will discuss in detail. Polymer is being added to the aeration tanks and operator is working on adjusting application time and amounts. Will request that Eastern Environmental to use their equipment to move some of the old equipment/scrap when they are on site.

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Engineer's Report

Equalization Tank Failure – Joe provided a detailed report of the repair work to date. Tank painting has been completed and the tank is ready to be reinstalled in the ground. Anchors have been ordered. Joe feels re-grading the aeration tank is important to address the groundwater. See report. Through discussions, Eastern Environmental feels they can reduce the current projected costs. Eastern will provide detailed invoices to allow MABE to track the time on the job. Stephen approves the proposal as written and feels the timing of repairs is critical. Joe will be able to provide costs for heat tracing and walkways at the May meeting. Crane operator can begin next week. Eastern has suggested that they may be able to use some of the pipe already on site to cut costs and they are seeking a better quote for fencing. **Motion by Floyd to approve proceeding with emergency repairs. Second by Doug. Motion approved. (Joe to provide signed copy to Charlotte). Motion to approve Pay application 2 of Phase 2 for \$7,855.00. Second by Doug. Motion approved.**

Disinfection Upgrade – Milissa, from Hydraterra provided a chart outlining some cost cutting measures. She is working with Eastern to get detailed breakdowns of the change order credits, per Milissa's letter received under separate cover. Eastern is hesitant to change from split face block based on maintenance and aesthetics. Still identifying allowances for credits. A schedule can be put in place now that the EQ tank work is being done. Monday, May 5th Milissa has a construction meeting with the contractor at Borough Hall. Ed Banmiller from Hydraterra will be the part time inspector. Completion date has changed due to the EQ tank repairs, by about 3 months. Will have date extension to the contract to present at the May meeting. **Motion by Floyd to approve the cost cutting measures and future change orders with regard to the Disinfection Upgrade as set forth in the summary sheet schedule provided, dated 4/29/14. Second by Doug. Motion approved.**
Motion by Floyd to approve change order E1 for \$7,998.00 and E2 for \$2,388.24. See attached. Second by Doug. Motion approved.

Community Evangelical Free Church (CEFC) – Looking to connect to public sewer at manhole on Brick Lane or Churchill. Will expect further communication.

Annual Waste Load Management Report (Chapter 94) – HtP is working with John Larson to complete an annual draw down test at all pump stations except for the Brick Lane pump station as this is the only pump station with a flow meter. Draw down test can be used to estimate flow.

Summerfield Site Investigation – Investigation revealed there is no sanitary sewer issue.

PADEP Meeting – Met with Dave Wolfinger and Steve Pillar (see email of participants). Discussed lagoon closure schedule, Disinfection Upgrade schedule, valve leakage issues and resolution. Steven Pillar indicated that there will be violations and to expect a consent order and agreement. MABE should anticipate correspondence from DEP. Fines are negotiable. Motion by Doug to approve Joe and Stephen to prepare a draft of the Consent Order and Agreement with DEP for the May meeting. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

Solicitors Report

See Correspondence

Old Business

Performance Evaluations - Charlotte will send forms to board members to seek feedback for employee review in the fall.

New Business

Insurance Policy – Rick reviewed the conversation with Allen Miller of HDH Group. Merle wants to be sure the coverages we have now are what they should be. He is in favor of being insured by this type of group as they

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are familiar with municipalities. He suggests renewing with Longley until we can compare the policies in detail. Merle and Shirley have discussed the matter and are in favor after doing due diligence.

Main St. Properties – Merle asked about the flooding in the yards between Main St. and Main St. section of WWTP. Water has been pumped and issue is resolved.

Adjourn regular meeting to executive session at 8:45p

Adjourn regular meeting 9:22p

Respectfully Submitted by Charlotte Gehman