

MABE Meeting Minutes March 27, 2018

In Attendance:

Floyd Jennelle
Darrell Gibble
Jose Colon
Lori Sifford
Joseph Boldaz, Hydraterra
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Rick Shaw

Others In Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA
Jack Stewart
Bob Preston, Hydraterra

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Darrell to approve the Meeting Minutes of the February 27, 2018 Board Meeting. Second by Lori. Motion approved.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

PMAA Regional Dinner – Board members will consider attending. Deadline to RSVP is May 9, 2018

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Lori to approve the Payables for March as presented. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.

Admin Update

Operator's Report

The plant is running well. The plant flow data shows inflow into the system. Normal operation requires two process blowers. Blower #2 is working, but # 1 and #3 are not. Exact problems with the #1 and #3 blowers will not be known until they are taken apart. Cost of a new process blower head consistent with the existing blowers is a maximum of \$3,500, and a rebuild kit costs \$800. The EQ Tank needs cleaning to remove the rags and grit at the bottom without taking the tank out of service. Dave also wants to purchase a spare EQ pump at an estimated cost of \$1,200.00. The utility water system that uses the clean effluent is confirmed to be working. The excavation and inspection to find the leak on the potable water line from the well to the plant is awaiting favorable weather conditions.

Disk Filter Acid Cleaning – Expects to clean the disk filter tomorrow.

Blower Building Electrical Panel – Dave discussed the project and presented a quote by Rick Weller to include: steel panel, a new box, VFD's for all 5 blowers and the two EQ pumps, breakers, switches and transformer. Some of the recently replaced parts at a cost of approximately \$2,000, can be reused and that cost will come off the quote. Dave discussed the use of VFD's which are optional and come at a cost of \$25,000. Dave feels the installation of VFDs will save money in the long run and improve performance. It was discussed that the quoted price exceeds the bidding threshold of the Municipality Authorities Act. Joe can put together the specs to seek quotes for the panel replacement. Cost to put the bid package together to be determined. **Motion by Darrell to authorize Joe to create a bid package for the Blower Panel replacement. Second by Lori. Motion approved.**

Portable Generator Repair – The generator radiator is in need of repair. West Side radiator in Denver can re-core the radiator. We are waiting for an estimate.

Blower #3 – **Motion by Darrell to approve replacement and/or repair of Blowers #1 and #3 at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00. Second by Jose. Motion approved.** Dave would like to purchase a spare EQ pump at a cost of \$1,200.00. **Motion by Jose to approve purchase of a spare EQ pump not to exceed \$1,200.00. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.** Dave will provide an estimate to repair the EQ tank pump at the April meeting.

EQ Tank Cleaning – According to Dave, the EQ tank needs to be cleaned as they recently cleared a clog at the pumps. Dave does not think they need to take the tank out of service to clean it. He is not sure if Inks can provide the cleaning service or if they need a super-vac truck.

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Engineers Report

Private Lateral Inspection/Borough Discussion-Place holder until action is taken by Borough – Stephen and Charlotte attended the Zoning/SALDO committee meeting. Will follow-up with corrections to the committee. Estimated adoption is Mid-summer 2018. Rules, Specifications and Details – Charlotte will forward to all board members.

Master Casting Agreement/LadTech Riser Rings – Bob will wait to order the rings closer to the time of Penn DOT Main St. construction on those sections of the road.

Manhole A-6 – Joe presented 3 quotes from COSTARS for repairs of 5 A-series manholes. **Motion by Darrell to approve Sewer Specialty Services bid at a cost of \$17,200 for the repair of 5 A-series manholes. Second by Lori. Motion approved.**

Pump Run Times/I & I – Bob and Joe provided a slide show to present a proposal for metering and televising the collection system over a three year period. **Motion to approve Hydraterra to authorize rental of 3 meters for 4 months at a cost not to exceed \$8,000 from USG. Second by Lori. Motion approved.** Joe will provide Hydraterra costs for reading and presenting the data collected from the metering at the April meeting.

Manhole Repair Summerfield – A resident reported a manhole ring at Steeplechase and Homestead that as raised. Hydraterra adjusted the ring, but it will need to be replaced. Joe recommends repairing this manhole and checking for other repairs in the area to repair them at the same time. Joe will follow-up with Dan Malloy to find out the paving plans for Homestead/Steeplechase.

Chapter 94 Report – Joe reviewed sections of the Chapter 94 report relating to I & I. He has noted in the report that MABE is trying to identify the problems and references the manhole repairs. **Motion by Darrell to approve the Chapter 94 report. Second by Lori. Motion approved.**

Solicitors Report

EEMA Services Agreement – No executed copy of the agreement has been presented.

Zoning/SALDO – Discussion of the Zoning and SALDO meeting taking place at the same time as this meeting. Stephen and Charlotte attended to review MABE's recommended additions. The committee was receptive to the suggested changes. Stephen and Charlotte will follow-up with an email to the Board. There a few items to be confirmed. The committee estimates adoption to be mid-summer.

Old Business

Plant Insulation - Joe is looking to get an estimate from his electric consultant to heat the EQ tank. He is also investigating the grading to see what might be required to if soil were mounded around the plant to provide insulation. He also suggested that polystyrene sheets could be installed seasonally to insulate the tank during the winter.

Plant Water Claim – Tim McEwen has not t been able to excavate

Sign for WWTP – Waiting for the permit to be issued to order the sign. Tim McEwen will install when sign is received.

Landscaping Quote Renewal – **Motion by Darrell to approve the Heilner quote for landscaping at the presented rates. Second by Lori. Motion approved.**

Blower Building Paint Quotes – **Motion by Lori to approve Steven Giordano painting quote. Second by Jose. Motion approved.**

New Business

Chemical Removal Quote – **Motion by Darrell to approve Chemtron quote presented for chemical removal. Second by Lori. Motion approved.**

Meeting Adjourned: 9:26p

Next regular Board meeting will be on April 24, 2018 at 7:00p at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by Charlotte Gehman