

MABE Meeting Minutes January 29, 2019

In Attendance:

Lori Sifford
Floyd Jennelle
Steve Keech
Bob Preston, Hydraterra
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Darrell Gibble
Jose Colon
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild

Others in Attendance:

Jack Stewart
Joe Boldaz, Hydraterra
Dave Friedman, EEMA

Meeting called to order at 7:07p

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Floyd to Approve Minutes of December 18, 2018 Board Meeting. Second by Steve. Motion approved.

Annual Reorganization

Motion by Lori to adjourn the regular meeting and convene the annual reorganization meeting.

Motion by Steve to nominate the current slate of candidates. Motion by Floyd to close the nominations. Second by Lori. Motion approved.

Motion by to appoint Hydraterra Professionals as engineer and Fox Rothschild as solicitor at their published rate schedules.

Acknowledgment of EEMA as the Plant Operator at their published rate schedule.

Motion by Lori to continue services with RKL. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

Adjourn the reorganization meeting and resume the regular meeting.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence/Communication

Review of PMAA Board member training schedule. No members will attend at this time.

Operator's Report

The plant is really challenged during high rain flows. Very high flows in December. There were two exceedences caused by the high flows. Solids continue to be a problem.

EEMA will be on site for the Energy Transfer Solutions repair on Friday, February 1st. Pyrz Water will be at the plant on Friday also to review the chemical feed pumps and evaluate pumps that will last longer than the current pumps which keep failing.

While obtaining the serial numbers for parts, Controlex discovered another clog of underwear at the Twin Valley Pump Station.

Motion by Floyd to approve the adjusted quote for new cutters and rings for both pumps including installation by Controlex not to exceed \$2,634.00. Second by Steve. Motion approved.

The chemical feed system that sits on the chemical tank blew apart in a wind storm. It has been put back together and there was no damage.

Dave presented a quote for a feed system for polymer inside the Disinfection Building at a cost of \$2,600.00. The plan will also require an additional cost of approximately \$800 monthly for the Polymer which will be delivered from Main Pool. This plan will require additional pumping and hauling due to the additional solids removal. **Motion by Floyd to approve the quote to include two pumps at a cost of \$2,600.00 and cost of Polymer at an estimated \$800.00/month. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

Dave will investigate the pump run times and seek corrected numbers.

Engineer's Report

Blower Panel Project – Conformed books were signed and. Contractor visited the plant to measure for the A/C

NPDES Draft Permit – there were no comments and so we can anticipate the final permit soon. Bob will see that Dave gets a copy of the final permit.

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Corbett/Brick Lane Pump Station Wet Well Grouting – Work was successful, and Bob is still negotiating the cost of the second day, since a full day was not required. Bob recommends seeking grant funds to replace the Corbett pump station.

Adopted Sewer Standards/Planned Inspections – Hydraterra feels the form needs additional checks and balances.

Energy Transfer Solutions/BacNet Installation – Will be on site Friday, Feb 1st at 9:00a.

Blue Rock Project – no new information on this project.

Brethren Church Connection – Charlotte will get MABE added as an additional insured on the certificate of insurance.

Chapter 94 – Hydraterra will begin working on the report and will provide a cost and estimate for the time involved in preparing the report. Report is due March 31st. Lori requested projected costs for the scope of the report.

Solicitor's Report

Enabling Resolutions - **Motion by Floyd to approve Enabling Resolutions 2019-1 Capital Fund Budget, 2019-2 Operating Budget, 2019-3 Sewer rental Rates and 2019-4 Tapping Fees. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

Old Business

Request for Proposal for Operator has been released on Penn Bid.

New Business

MABE Credit Card

Workshop Meeting Planning - Lori recommends scheduling two workshop meetings March 19th and Oct 22nd to be advertised.

A new Wi-Fi router is being quoted and MABE will work with the Borough to finalize this purchase which is shared.

Treasurer's Report

BB&T CD Offer – **Motion by Floyd to approve a 9-month CD through BB&T. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

MABE Credit Card – Lori recommends opening a new credit card account with BB&T and close the Fulton Bank credit card. **Motion by Floyd to change credit card companies. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

Motion by Lori to approve the January payables as presented. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

Admin Update

Transition to in-house bookkeeping is going well. Continuing to seek training opportunities and system support.

Adjournment 8:24p

Next Scheduled MABE Meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00p.