

MABE Meeting Minutes December 17, 2024

In Attendance:

Darrell Gibble
Steve Keech
Jim Freeze
Dan Engro
Floyd Jennelle
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild, Telephonic
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Motion by Darrell to approve the November 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Second by Jim. Motion Approved.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Communication

None.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the December payables per Check Register presented. **Motion by Jim to approve the December payables as presented. Second by Dan. Motion approved.**

Finance Committee Report - Dan reviewed the account balances. MABE has made just over 40k in interest in 2025.

Motion by Darrell to approve increasing the quarterly transfer to Capital Reserves to \$30,000.00/quarter. Second by Jim. Motion approved. Dan will make the transfers manually going forward so we can adjust as needed.

Motion by Floyd to stop the automatic monthly transfer of \$7,500.00 to additional principal on the loan. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.

Motion by Darrell to transfer not more than 50k by December 31st to Capital Reserves. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

2025 Proposed Budget Presented – George reviewed the proposed budget and the change to capitalizing projects.

Motion by Floyd to approve the 2025 budget as presented. Second by Jim. Motion approved.

Operator's Report

The plant is running well. Average flow was 65,000/gpd in November. Painting and electrical will be finished this week. John expects to bring the second train back online fully after the holidays. A couple of decant pumps were installed. Blower tripped due to melted wire nuts which were original. They have been replaced with properly sized wire nuts. Will continue to monitor the situation. Blower #3 had a loose wire in the disconnect repaired. Pump run times are tracking very well.

Engineer's Report

127 E. Conestoga Rd Connection Request – Keith reviewed the situation with the property. The property is partly in West Nantmeal. The necessary steps are to approve an EDU and the property. **Motion by Darrell to approve signature of a capacity letter for 127 E. Conestoga Rd. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.** Connection will require an easement for a shared driveway. Keith recommends having separate lateral for every lot. Stephen suggests recording any agreements, so the record remains if properties are sold.

Motion by Darrell to approve Capacity letter and Sewage Facilities Planning Waiver for 127 E. Conestoga Rd. inquiry. Second by Floyd. Motion approved. Charlotte will send the certification and Planning mailer.

Tensor Motorcar Project - Lateral is scheduled to be installed for next week and SDE will inspect it.

Act 537 Report – Keith is reviewing the draft and will confer with the Borough engineer. Based on population projections in the report Keith is confident that modifications at the plant can meet those projections. The final report will have to go to the Borough Planning Commission and the Chester County planning commission.

New Local Share **Pump Station Improvements** Grant Application - Application has been submitted. Anticipate late 2025 for grant awards.

Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project - Keith and staff are working on design and anticipates purchasing equipment through COstars in 2025.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer **Collection System Rehab** Grant Project – Keith has a report on this but needs time to review it.

ARPA H2O PA **Plant Upgrade** Grant Project – Keith is working on preliminary plans and scope.

PA Small Water and Sewer **Tank Painting** Grant Project – Zimmerman will be on site to complete the painting and electrical. Keith expects a final pay application in January. Plant did well on one train with the considerable rain last week.

Easement/Right of Way Project – On hold for further research.

Solicitor's Report

2025 Enabling Resolutions –**Motion by Floyd to approve Enabling Resolution 2024-5 Capital Fund Budget, 2024-6 Sewer Rental Rates, 2024-7 Proposed Tapping Fee And 2024-8 Proposed Operating Budget. Second by Dan. Motion approved.**

Old Business

New Business

2025 MABE Meeting Dates for Advertising – **Motion by Darrell to approve the 2025 MABE Board meeting dates as presented. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.**

Admin Update

Charlotte Out of Office 12/24,26

Executive Session

The Board approved a 4% salary increase for Charlotte for 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.

Next Scheduled MABE Reorganization and Board Meeting is **January 28, 2024, at 7:00p.**