

MABE Meeting Minutes February 22, 2022

In Attendance:

Darrell Gibble
Steve Keech
Lori Sifford
Floyd Jennelle
Jim Freeze
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild (telephonic)
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA
Jack Stewart, Borough Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Approve Minutes of January 25, 2022, Board Meeting – **Motion by Steve to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2021, Board Meeting. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Public Comment

Lisa Palser, Trails Committee – Lisa noted that the active transportation plan was approved by Borough Council in December. She reviewed the model document that was provided by the County. Lisa suggests the draft agreement be reviewed by our solicitor and insurance carrier. Lori suggests that the Board meet at the plant to do a visual review to better understand the actual path the train easement would follow. Keith will send Charlotte the survey to share with Lisa.

Correspondence/Communication

Operator's Report

Average daily flow is up to 102,000 gallons in January based on snow melt and rain. Adjustments to air flow based on water flow. Control panel and HVAC Improvement Proposal – No quote available yet.

Brick Lane Pump Follow Up – **Motion by Darrell to ratify approval to purchase a Replacement Pump for the Brick Lane Pump Station at a cost of \$18,612.50. Second by Jim. Motion approved.**

VFD/Blower Issues – Adjusted blower to address issues with VFD's tripping. Mulls Electric visited the plant and identified three areas to investigate: He found that the volts are coming in a bit higher. The VFD's are mounted close together which could cause overheating. The VFD's are rated for forty-two amps and the blowers max out at 40 amps. EEMA contacted Sigma to schedule an evaluation. John suggests the SDE electrical engineer evaluate it as well.

Motion by Steve to approve purchasing a new blower at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Second by Jim. Motion approved.

John will work with Dave to continue the equipment inventory. The Board would like to review the inventory at the March meeting.

Engineer's Report

Chapter 94 Report - Keith reviewed the report and charts. The report is due by March 31, 2022. **Motion by Darrell to approve the 2021 Chapter 94 Report and Authorize Chairman to sign the required documents for submission to DEP. Second by Jim. Motion approved.**

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant – Keith is making a few adjustments and will put the project out to bid without the new blower which the Board feels cannot wait. Keith is leaving the project bid open to the DO or ORP type meter.

Blue Rock Project – No update currently. Still waiting for the as-built plans. The landscaping will be completed in the Spring.

Corbett Easement – No activity currently.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – On hold until Charlotte searches for any additional easements.

Thiel Project – No added information or activity on this project.

Solicitor's Report

No update.

Old Business

Grant Opportunity Subcommittee Report – No update currently.

Loan Amendment – Paperwork has been completed and waiting for the final original copy with bank signatures.

CD Renewal - Rolled over.

New Business

Board will meet on April 26 prior to the regular Board meeting

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Treasurer's Report

Approve February Payables per Check register presented – **Motion by Jim to approve the payables for February as presented. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Admin Update

LIHWAP and HAF Update – Charlotte shared the new HAF program and reported that one customer received a grant for their delinquent account that will be paid directly to MABE.

Records Disposition Resolution 2022-1 **Motion by Darrell to approve Resolution 2022-1 for records disposition. Second by Motion approved.**

Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned 7:58p

Next scheduled MABE Board meeting is March 29, 2022, at 7:00p.

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gehman