

MABE Meeting Minutes February 27, 2024

In Attendance:

Darrell Gible
Steve Keech
Jim Freeze
Dan Engro
Floyd Jennelle
Keith Showalter, SDE
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild

Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA
Merle Stoltzfus, Borough Council Liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Motion by Darrell to approve the January 30, 2024, meeting minutes. Second by Floyd. Motion Approved.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Communication

None.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of February payables per Check Register presented. **Motion by Floyd to approve the February payables as presented. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Finance Committee Report - Dan reviewed the aging report and the financial reports. One of the CD's will be up for renewal in June.
Electronic Payment Review – Charlotte reviewed the se of the payment portal over the year and the challenges with a recommendation to close the portal.

Motion by Darrell to close the payment portal. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

Operator's Report

Average daily flow in January of 98,000 gallons a day. Still having elevated flows partly due to rain. Deep cleaned the disk filter. John will send Charlotte chemicals needed for cleaning the disk filter. The bypass bar screen channel was cleaned. UC Intensity sensor was installed. The two spare pumps for the EQ tank have arrived. The portable generator was exercised. A total of 3.042 million gallons treated for the month of January. Pump station hours are in sync. All samples made permit.

UV Intensity Sensor – backup device research - John has not identified a suitable alternative. **Motion by Floyd to approve purchase of a spare sensor from Trojan. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

Pump Station Review Analysis – Dave and John are working on the best way to collect the data.

Equipment Inventory Update - John is keeping it updated.

Pipe sizes dig - Dave is coordinating the schedule for this project.

Steve asked Charlotte to send.

Motion by Darrell to get a quote not to exceed \$1800. to repair the plant garage door which is broken and does not rise high enough to clear the portable generator. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

Engineer's Report

Chapter 94 Report - Keith reviewed the draft report and the accompanying charts. Keith reviewed the change in plant capacity and the effects of nitrification and de-nitrification. The report is due March 31st.

Motion by Floyd to approve the 2023 Chapter 94 report and authorize Chairperson to sign the required documents for submission to DEP. Second by Dan. Motion approved.

Act 537 - SDE will be working with SSM and Keith does not anticipate any issues with generating the report. Must be reviewed by planning commission and advertised.

Treatment Plant Survey for Drainage Improvement - Field surveyor was out last week but was not able to complete the work. He will be back to complete the work.

New HVAC System Quote - Nothing new to report. This will be included in the plant expansion project.

Local Share Grant Application - No news on this application.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer Grant Award - Steve and Darrell signed the grant extension.

ARPA H2O PA Grant Award – Steve and Darrell signed the grant extension.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Bid Update - Stephen has reviewed the bid specs and the changes are being made. Keith expects the bids to go out on Friday of the week and we should have bid results for the March Board meeting.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – on hold until further research.

Saddler Pump Station Upgrades - Keith is still working on the budget for the Saddler Plump Station upgrades and hopes to have it for the March meeting.

Metering Project – Keith is going to get a proposal. Still working out the schedule, locations and identifying the vendor for this project. Keith will confer with Dave.

Steve asked Keith to make a recommendation for a new influent meter.

Plant Driveway Repair – Discussion of the drainage issue at the top of the driveway. Charlotte will ask Tim McEwen to provide an estimate.

Solicitor's Report

EEMA Contract Coverage Follow-up – Stephen confirmed that EEMA has appropriate coverage.

Certificates of Insurance - Steve wants Stephen to review insurance recommendations. Charlotte will add to the March agenda to discuss when Stephen is in attendance.

Old Business

None

New Business

Energy Contract/Live Energy Auction - Charlotte did a demo of a live energy auction and will try this to renew the PPL transmission contract.

Admin Update

None

Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44p.

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is March 26, **2024, at 7:00p.**