

MABE Meeting Minutes February 28, 2023

In Attendance:

Steve Keech
Floyd Jennelle
Darrell Gibble
Dan Engro
Keith Showalter, SDE
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild, Telephonic
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Jim Freeze

Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA
Jack Stewart, Borough Council Member Liason
Lori Sifford, MABE Finance Committee Volunteer

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Approve Minutes of January 31, 2023, Board Meeting - Motion by Darrell to approve the January 31, 2023 meeting minutes. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

Public Comment

Correspondence/Communication

Statement of Financial Interest Forms – Board members completed form which will be provided to Elverson Borough and kept in MABE files.

Treasurer's Report

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

Finance Committee Report– Lori reviewed the Depreciation list and EEMA agreed to review it and add recommendations within two weeks.

Annual Audit – Audit work is nearing completion.

Operator's Report

Treated Total gallons treated was 2.4 million gallons. John is waiting for a price on an aluminum beam. The wooden beam has been removed.

Equipment Inventory Update - Spare Parts list was delivered to Charlotte via email.

Chemical Update - Jar testing is completed and a product is recommended. Working through the safety requirements with EEMA.
DEP Visit Report- Dave Wolfinger of DEP visited the plant today. He stopped in to talk to Charlotte. He was pleased with what he saw.

Engineer's Report

Chapter 94 Report for 2022 - Keith reviewed the report charts and indicated that bringing Blue Rock onto the system has not had a noticeable impact.

Motion by Darrell to Approve the 2022 Chapter 94 Report and Authorize Chairman to sign the required documents for submission to DEP. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

NPDES Permit Renewal -The current NPDES permit expires in 2024, Application for renewal needs to be submitted 180 days prior to expiration. Some additional sampling may be required. **Motion by Floyd to approve Keith to prepare the renewal application at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Second by Dan. Motion approved.**

Steve asked Keith to investigate a permit for accepting clean fill to fill the closed lagoons.

ARPA Small Water & Sewer Grant Application – Awaiting review and award announcements expected in June/July.

ARPA H2O PA Grant Application - Awaiting review and award announcements expected in June/July.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Bid Update - Keith is working with his staff to get the bids out.

Blue Rock Project -No changes

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project - Still working to close this project.

25 S. Brick Lane/Berks Homes - Keith has spoken to the plumber and Berks Homes regarding the details of the sewer installation.

Solicitor's Report

Blue Rock Easement Status - Both Easement Agreements have been signed and once recorded, Charlotte will seek a signature from the developer on the Deed of Dedication which will also be recorded. Any

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Admin Update

Accepting Credit Cards - Motion by Darrell to give Charlotte discretion to set up acceptance of credit cards through Truist at her discretion. Second by Floyd. Motion approved.

NWCCCC Membership Renewal – Board is not interested in renewing.

Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 7:00p.**