

MABE Meeting Minutes June 25, 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
Dave Friedman, EEMA
George Firrantello, Volunteer

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Motion by Jim to approve the May 28, 2024, meeting minutes. Second by Darrell. Motion Approved.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Communication

None.

Treasurer's Report

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

Finance Committee Report - CD matured and was rolled over to a higher interest rate of 4.8%. The second CD matures in November. Financial Planning for Upcoming Projects – George Firrantello has been reviewing MABE finances as a volunteer and is offering some suggestions on strategic planning for the funds needed for the grant award matches. Dan introduced some of George's preliminary suggestions.

George offered his thoughts on how he looks at the MABE projects and the numbers presented. George will offer some dates for a meeting to further discuss.

Operator's Report

Average daily flow of 75,000/gpd in May. John expects it to go down based on the dry weather. Low flows will be good for the painting project. Replaced a gate valve and repaired lines due to corrosion. The painting project will improve that situation. Adjustment to VFD's has improved.

Ecotech Hydro excavation is coming to perform the soft digs. John is working to get additional quotes for the Wilo pump but is having challenges. Waiting for a quote from Reading Foundry and Auchenbach. Jim asked about replacing the Wilo pumps with something more readily available. John says there is a lot of retrofitting that would need to be done. He feels the least expensive option is to replace the pumps first and explore a replacement option if necessary.

Train 1 will be drained on July 3 and 4 and then have Hi-Vac clean it. Waiting for final confirmation. The plan is to have the tank cleaned for the painting to begin. The painting contractor is available the week of July 8th. EEMA is coordinating the de-watering equipment. Merle offered to forward his contact that provides Elverson specific rainfall numbers. 2.3 million gallons treated. Pump run times are good.

Engineer's Report

Act 537 Plan Report - Still working with SSM. Keith has not received a draft report yet. Waiting for a proposal from the Purestream representative. There is an option to turn the existing tanks into full treatment tanks. Keith said it would be very cost effective, but it's unclear how it would affect plant capacity.

Local Share Grant Application - No awards announced yet. Anticipated for Fall.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer Grant Project - Keith anticipates this project is at least a year away. Flow metering results will further direct this project.

ARPAH20 PA Grant Project – Keith anticipates this project is at least a year away. This project is tied to the Act 537 plan results.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Tank Painting Project Update - Need to pick a paint color. Charlotte and Dave will assist with paint color selection.

Saddler Pump Station Upgrade Budget - Future work, no further detail currently.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project - on hold for now.

Flow Meter Project - Keith opted to wait until the third month's data is available as there has been little rain. Keith requested the pumps be left for some additional time since the battery failed in one pump, so we can get a full 3 months of data.

Project Priority List - Keith generated a list and Dave Friedman concurred.

Solicitor's Report

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Admin Update

Charlotte Out of Office July 2-4

Collections Update - Charlotte reviewed the results of the initial water shut-off notice. The customer came to the office and felt she had found the money. Discussed two other customers to post. The Board agrees that we will pace the postings so as not to overwhelm the water company if shut-off is required.

Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **July 30, 2024, at 7:00p.**