

MABE Meeting Minutes September 28, 2021

In Attendance:

Darrell Gibble
Steve Keech
Lori Sifford
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild, telephonic
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Jim Freeze
Floyd Jennelle

Others in Attendance:

Dave Friedman, EEMA
John Dean

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Approve Minutes of August 31, 2021, Board Meeting – **Motion by Darrell to approve the Minutes of the August 31, 2021, Board Meeting. Second by Steve. Motion approved.**

Public Comment

None

Correspondence/Communication

Operator's Report

Average daily flow was 76,000 gpd. Max flow was 185,000 gallons. Made some adjustments to storm mode for the VFD's to avoid tripping when they reduced to zero. This seems to have corrected the problem. Planning to have Sigma reprogram the VFD's to perfect the programming to shut down the VFD when plant goes into storm mode and come back on when storm is over. Aeration basins and sludge holding tanks have been cleaned and HVAC system checked. Floats at Corbett have been adjusted. A new hour meter was replaced at Brick Lane. No violations. Corbett Panel upgrade has been completed; John will check on the spare floats. Plant performed very well during hurricane Ida. The UV system kept up well. EEMA wants to explore some options for dispersing the disinfected water during intense storms. HVAC Improvement Proposal – Nothing to present currently.

Engineer's Report

Tapping Fee Update – Still need to be completed and Keith will have that for the September meeting.
PA Small Water & Sewer – On hold until bids are put out in the spring.
Blue Rock Project – Fencing and landscaping still need to be scheduled and completed. Waiting for as-builts plans from the developer as well.
Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Charlotte looking for opportunity to identify any remaining easements.
Capital Improvement Plan – Just needs to be finalized.
Thiel Project – The DEP Planning Module exemption has been received. Waiting for the financial security to be provided so Stephen can prepare the agreement.

Solicitor's Report

Thiel Project Construction Escrow Improvements Agreement – Waiting for the financial security to be clarified before Stephen can finalize the agreement.

Old Business

Customer Payment Options – Options are still being explored.
Grant Opportunity Subcommittee Report – The group has had a second meeting. Exploring other grant monies available and rough costs on plant improvements and any limitations on usage of the grant funds.
Plant Land Appraisal – Charlotte will seek a realtor opinion and identify an appraiser. Stephen notes that there are specifics to selling municipal property.

New Business

2022 Budget – Lori plans to begin putting the budget together.
Annual Plant Tour - scheduled for 6:00p October 26 prior to the regular Board meeting.
PMAA – Conference will be offered virtually again. Charlotte will participate.

Treasurer's Report

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

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Admin Update

Executive Session

None.

Meeting Adjourned 7:53p

Workshop Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 7:00p

Plant Tour to be held prior to the regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:00p

Next scheduled MABE Board meeting is Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 7:00p.

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gehman