

Village District of Eastman
Commissioners' Meeting, November 15, 2017
PUBLIC SESSION, FINAL MINUTES

In attendance: Commissioner Robert Parker, Commissioner Duncan Wood, Commissioner Karla Karash, Treasurer David Wright (9:20), Deputy Treasurer Bill Samuels, Moderator George Sutherland, Business Manager Amy Lewis, and Operations Manager Tim Hicks.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03AM by Commissioner Parker. Discussion began with Potable Operations; minutes will be addressed when Treasurer Wright arrives.

FIELD/OPERATIONS:

Potable

Per OM Hicks, filter 1 was put back online Thursday, 11/9 after the rebedding and rinse. Filter 2 is scheduled to be done 11/16, which should allow enough time for it to settle and be put back into service Friday, 11/17.

We are working with SecondWind Water to determine the best way to optimize the filters and treatment processes once all three filters are complete with new media. A recommendation is to perform core analyses on each filter after 3-5 years, to determine how the media is aging and how it is reacting with the minerals in the raw water.

The storage tanks are scheduled for cleaning today, which will remove any additional iron sediment that may be left in the tanks.

MINUTES:

October 23, 2017: Clarification was made regarding the 2018 expected taxation. Commissioner Karash moved to accept the minutes as amended. Commissioner Wood seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

November 9, 2017: Commissioner Karash moved to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

FIELD/OPERATIONS (CONTINUED):

Wastewater

The second set of groundwater monitoring is being done this Friday, as well as the PFOA testing requested by DES. The PFOA testing is not mandatory at this time; DES is gathering sampling information only with the additional evaluation of wastewater monitoring wells throughout the state.

The Polishing Pond pump house building repairs are complete. We do need to add gravel around the building to help with drainage and block sub-slab access.

The second half of the sludge tests on the aeration lagoons is scheduled for 11/22. This will provide an average overall depth of the lagoons, as well as an estimated depth of accumulated sludge on the bottom. Preliminary measurements indicate an average sludge depth of about one foot.

FINANCIAL:

Current year revenues and expenses were reviewed.

BUDGET 2018:

OM Lewis is to find out if a warrant article is required to move any funds not expensed in the current year, to a capital reserve fund for 2018.

Regarding payment in lieu of taxes, an abatement request will be filed with Springfield to correct the assumption that the VDE office building is owned by ECA.

The pickup truck is due for replacement in 2018. Staff would like to keep this truck, and purchase a second, smaller utility truck. Costs will be researched.

The wastewater budget was reviewed with Commissioner Wood. The advisory committee will be meeting at some point prior to the December board meeting, and the budget will be presented to the committee for review as well.

The 2018 Annual Meeting date is tentatively set for April 5. The budget hearing date will be established at the December board meeting. Commissioners Wood and Karash are away during the beginning of February.

With nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 11:59.

Respectfully submitted,



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Village District of Eastman

James W. Ward 12/20/17
Karla H. Karash 12/20/17
Robert W. Wanker 12/20/17