

Village District of Eastman
Emergency Commissioners' Meeting
Village District Office
April 11, 2010

Notices of this meeting were posted at the Village District of Eastman and Eastman Community Association Offices. Those in attendance were Commissioners' Sullivan, Wood and Fairweather, District Manager Weber, Treasurer Wright, and Office Manager Conroy.

Commissioner Sullivan opened the meeting at 9AM. District Manager Weber stated that the purpose of the meeting is to let the commissioners' make a decision based on the facts that the District Manager presented regarding that State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding, and our high ranking.

Commissioner Wood asked about the cost of chlorine sampling, and the District Manager Weber explained that it is done in house during regular business hours by the field personnel, though the Source #1 repairs would allow the field crew to do other tasks.

District Manager Weber explained that the District applied for the funding, had been approved at a low interest rate, and had ranked high with the state. The Manager reported that the opportunity was great, but the timing was bad. The funding would be used for Source #1 renovation, and he estimated the cost to be as low as \$300,000, though we were approved for 450K.

A discussion followed regarding whether or not we could put the project off for a year because the state had not gotten things on their end together before most annual meetings had been completed. If the project was postponed until next year, it is possible the funding would not be there, and our ranking could change.

The project needs to be started six months from the date of acceptance. Currently, the engineer is preparing to drill the test wells.

Because the District Annual Meeting has been held, the District Manager would need to petition the Superior Court for a Special Meeting.

There is a 10% rule in regards to this funding, which means that the District can not borrow more than 10% of the net worth of value of property within the District boundaries. The District is well under this rule.

Commissioner Fairweather explained his thoughts on voters opinions on this project. Treasurer Wright stated we would have to sell it to the voters. He suggested a fact sheet be sent to voters, that he and the commissioners' would draft.

Commissioner Fairweather discussed how this project would affect user rates and taxes.

The District Manager explained the procedure going forward with the project.

Commissioner Wood questioned the timing involved in order to meet the six month start deadline.

District Manager Weber stated that Tata & Howard has given the District an engineering preliminary cost and time restraints report.

Commissioner Wood asked the Manager to speak with Paul Howard, of Tata & Howard, on engineering payments that may come before the funding is approved.

Commissioner Wood wanted it to be noted that he preferred to wait a year, but realizes the other two commissioners' wanted to proceed now with the funding, so he will go along with their wishes in order to have a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Wood moved that the District Manager be authorized to inform the NHDES of the Village District of Eastman's intent to petition the Sullivan County Superior Court to seek permission to hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of obtaining approval to borrow SRF funds to support the renovation of Source #1.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fairweather. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Fairweather thanked District Manager Weber for all his work regarding this project.

Commissioner Wood thanked Pat for coming in on a Sunday.

Treasurer Wright suggested putting an article together to be included with the upcoming billing. He and the commissioners' will have something prepared by the April Commissioners' Meeting.

Commissioner Sullivan called for adjournment, and all were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06AM.

These minutes were recorded by and approved on April 21, 2010:



Patricia L. Conroy
Clerk Pro tem

