

WRWSD Board of Trustees Monday Meeting – 10/31/2022

President P. Levermore called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Present: Armstrong, Buskey, LaPlante, P. Levermore, S. Levermore, Moore, Wales, Mgr. Cahall

Others present: Greg Wilson

Minutes: A motion was made by Buskey and seconded by Moore to approve the 10/8/22 Monthly Meeting minutes as distributed. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report (P. Levermore):

- President P. Levermore presented a timeline of events concerning the water plant and water notices sent to property owners. The Board discussed misinformation being spread and ways to communicate with residents about the water notice facts. Therefore, the Board created a Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District Statement of Facts Regarding the EPA Drinking Water Notices. The statement will be posted on the Lake Waynoka website with a link on Facebook. It will also be posted in the newsletter, included in the WPOA email blast the Friday before the WRWSD and WPOA Saturday meetings and copies will be available at the 11/12 WRWSD Saturday meeting. Members can also review previous and present WRWSD minutes and/or speak with Board members to address any rumors they may hear.
- Trustees Wales and Buskey continue their work on reviewing the WRWSD bylaws.

Treasurer's Report (S. Levermore):

- Budget season is approaching. Mgr. Cahall provided Treasurer S. Levermore with numbers for the 2023 WPOA contract. Treasurer S. Levermore will be reviewing 2022 line-item numbers for the 2023 budget.
- Trustee Wales asked how the budget was fairing and what is the total cost of reopening the water plant. It is unknown at this time.
- We are using capital money to replace and update the equipment as recommended by Greg Wilson Consulting and required by the EPA.
- Some of these capital expenditures were already in our capital improvement plan. We can look at what expenses associated with the reopening were unplanned and provide a report at a future date.
- A discussion was held about the cost of producing our own water vs. converting to Brown County water. Mgr. Cahall stated that Brown County water costs are very high compared to producing our own water.
- An inquiry was made asking if the WRWSD is carrying any debt. Buskey explained we have three bonds that mature in June 2035.

Manager and Plant Superintendent Report (Paul Cahall):

- Presentation from Greg Wilson on status of water plant: We had expected to reopen the water plant at the beginning of November but several items have been on backorder. We have the replacement of the sand media scheduled for November 8th and 9th. At that time, we will look at the under drain to see if repairs are needed. A new chlorine monitor, chemical meters and lab meters have been ordered and are being installed. We are purchasing top of the line equipment. All of our equipment is being certified. The EPA has been involved every step of the way. Greg Wilson's team will be testing raw water this week to be compared with the initial start-up water sample. He believes we're in very good shape moving forward and is anticipating restarting the water plant on or near November 21st.
- Gate system – The Silco software needs to be loaded to the server and the readers have not been installed. We are trying to coordinate a time for everyone involved to get everything up and running.
- Computer update – We are still working on fixing the online pay feature.
- Lagoon – We plan to begin draining the lagoon on November 15th. This will take 30 or so days to complete. The WPOA plans to drop the lake by 7' this year. There will be an additional lagoon draining in April.
- Personnel – We ran an ad and have several applicants.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motions and Resolutions: None

Board Member Concerns: None

Executive Session:

- At 7:09pm, a motion was made by S. Levermore and seconded by Wales to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and the contract with Greg Wilson Consulting. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- At 7:43pm, a motion was made by Buskey and seconded by Wales to exit the Executive Session. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by S. Levermore and seconded by Moore. A yea/nay vote was taken. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Rhonda J. Maybriar, WRWSD Assistant Recording Secretary