

WRWSD Board of Trustees Saturday Meeting – 7/8/2023

President P. Levermore called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Roll Call: Present: Armstrong, Kost, P. Levermore, S. Levermore, Moore, Wales, Mgr. Cahall
Absent: Buskey was excused.

Minutes: A motion was made by Wales and seconded by Kost to approve the 6/26/23 minutes as read. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report (P. Levermore): President P. Levermore reiterated the Board's appreciation to Randy, Dan and Greg for the WRWSD plant tour.

Treasurer's Report (S. Levermore): We are 50% through the year. We are at 57% on income, 53% water expenses and 54% sewer expenses. Treasurer S. Levermore discussed the need for Motion #2023-14 budget adjustment which includes the added expense from capital reserves for the recently approved asset management system and the final cost for our effluent monitor system which is also from reserves.

Manager and Plant Superintendent Report (Paul Cahall/Dan Pike):

- We hired one employee and lost another so we are still looking and will be posting ads.
- We entered into a contract with Greg Wilson Consulting for the asset management project.
- AJ is exploring if we can create an electronic billing system with the software we have.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motions and Resolutions:

- A motion was made by Wales and seconded by Moore to approve the June 30th financial statement as distributed. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Motion # 2023- 14 was made by S. Levermore and seconded by Armstrong to amend the 2023 WRWSD Budget. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Concerns: None

Membership Concerns:

- John Barton – He took the WRWSD plant tour and found it very informative. He asked if we can convert to a direct discharge facility which was the intention when the plant was constructed. This would eliminate draining the lagoon twice a year and help keep the lake full. A property owner downstream had hired an attorney to prevent the plant from being a direct discharge facility when it was built. Fighting it in court would've been costly so the WRWSD created the 14-acre lagoon. Mgr. Cahall said we have since applied twice for direct discharge and have been denied by the OEPA. The Board is researching expanding the sewer plant at some point, in the near future, based on current capacity. At that time, we will ask the EPA what we need to do to become direct discharge.
- Don Hudak – asked if direct discharge is still viable. Mgr. Cahall said he is unaware if the person objecting to it still owns property downstream and we will pursue that option during expansion. Mr. Hudak asked about the policy of turning off water for overflow/leaking. He had 36,000 gallons of water run through his home in December. The water was turned off due to the leak but no one contacted him to let him know the situation. It was only discovered when he happened to stop by a few weeks later and discovered the damage. Mgr. Cahall said that the policy is to contact the owner but the Office was closed for two weeks during Christmas and New Year. He apologized to Mr. Hudak and said he will speak with Superintendent Pike and have him inform his staff that if the office is closed for such emergencies, someone needs to contact Mgr. Cahall or Office Manager Kay Bundy.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Moore and seconded by S. Levermore. A yea/nay vote was taken. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50am.

Rhonda J. Maybriar, WRWSD Assistant Recording Secretary