

WRWSD Board of Trustees Monday Meeting – 1/29/2024

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

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Wales and seconded by Armstrong to approve the 1/13/24 Monthly Meeting minutes as distributed. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report (P. Levermore): President P. Levermore emailed a January 2024 - April 2025 meeting and workshop calendar draft to Trustees. The WRWSD search committee is currently looking for candidates to fulfill an upcoming opening on the Board.

Treasurer's Report (S. Levermore): We have 3 CDs coming due. The Board discussed interest rates and length of CD terms from several banks. They agreed upon 11-month terms at 4.75% interest rate at People's Bank. Maturing CDs will be transferred into these new accounts. There is an educational webinar opportunity with Ohio Rural Water focusing on water and sewer rate management. It is on January 31st. No one is able to attend due to the short notice.

Manager and Plant Superintendent Report (Paul Cahall):

- Spring lagoon plan – We plan to open the lake valve the first week in April to drain the lagoon. We will not open the valve as much since the lagoon not as full this year. Supt. Pike will be testing the water downstream to make sure we are meeting our 10:1 ratio. The valve may be adjusted depending on the test results.
- Sewer Expansion – Mgr. Cahall and Trustee Buskey will be meeting with the USDA in March to gather information concerning the sewer plant expansion and report the findings to the Board at the March workshop.
- Safety Audit – Kim Lamb and Supt. Pike have been hard at work on OSHA requirements. They have placed signs, updated the MSDS, identified hazards and held in-services for the staff. They have identified a list of things that need to be purchased and approached the Board for approval.
- The new Track hoe has arrived and is being put to use. It has performed well for boring.
- There was ice damage to drive unit of the clarifier which monitors turbidity. The replacement part has been ordered and we hope to have it fixed later this week.
- The OEPA wrote an email to Mgr. Cahall and Supt. Pike stating that all violations in the past few years have been resolved and commended their hard work.
- The water report shows water loss a little higher than usual. Supt. Pike stated that they fixed a broken fire hydrant which needed to be flushed several times and this likely caused the increase.
- The Ohio Revised Code prohibits sump pumps to drain into sewer lines. Several homes in our community are in violation. Supt. Pike said it is hard to trace but they have identified one home. Per WRWSD bylaws, an official letter will be sent to the home owner letting them know of the violation and a timeline for the issue to be corrected.
- Trustee Buskey noted that we currently have 968 taps within Lake Waynoka.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motions and Resolutions: None

Board Member Concerns: None

Executive Session:

- At 6:58pm, a motion was made by Moore and seconded by S. Levermore to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and the Class III contract. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- At 7:06pm, a motion was made by Wales and seconded by Buskey to exit the Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by S. Levermore to adjourn the meeting. A yea/nay vote was taken. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

Rhonda J. Maybriar, WRWSD Assistant Recording Secretary