

NORTH LITTLE ROCK WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019

A meeting of the North Little Rock Wastewater Treatment Committee was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the administrative offices located at the Faulkner Lake Treatment Plant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matthews at approximately 12:15 p.m. Those in attendance at the meeting were Mr. K.W. Matthews, Mr. Sylvester Smith, Mr. Ed Nelson and Ms. Karen Bryant, and in addition, Mr. Jack Stowe, representative from the City of Maumelle and Mr. Richard Penn, City Engineer with the City of Sherwood. Also in attendance were Mr. Marc Wilkins, Director, Ms. Gina Briley, Mr. Charles Frost, Mr. Ronnie Thompson, Mr. Michael Clayton, Mr. Lyle Luebner, Ms. Kris Ramon, Mr. Mark Halter with Hilburn, Calhoon, Harper, Pruniski & Calhoun, Ltd. and Dawn Harmon.

First, the Committee reviewed the minutes of its June 11, 2019 meeting. There being no questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee then reviewed the cash disbursements for the month of June 2019. There being no questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the cash disbursements for June 2019 reflecting total cash disbursements of \$1,928,420.25 and fund transfers between accounts of \$1,635,266.67. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Committee unanimously approved the Financial Statement for June 2019.

Mr. Wilkins then advised the Committee that the contract for renewal of health care services from the Change Center for Health has been received. The current contract expired June 30, 2019. Health care services provided include immunizations, routine office visits, annual physicals and lab tests. Also provided are services for the Utility for pre-employment physicals, department of transportation physicals and flu vaccines. The agreement has an annual cost of \$39,018.00 for 95 employees for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This is the same contract amount as last year. This item is included in the 2019 budget in the amount of \$40,200.00. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by

Ms. Bryant, to authorize the staff to enter into a contract with the Change Center for Health. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, Mr. Wilkins made the Committee aware of a cave-in which occurred on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Pine and Brother Paul. Due to the depth and size of the cavity, the Utility called Diamond Construction to assist the Utility in making the area safe for the public until it was able to reassess the severity of the damage. Diamond Construction mobilized to start the repair on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. While making the repair, the water table rose in sync with the Arkansas River level forcing a stoppage of the work. The excavation was stabilized and will resume as soon as the water table subsides. The flow line of the sewer main is 11" and the depth needed to set a new manhole is approximately 14". As of July 3rd the water table level was measured at approximately 12' 3". The estimated cost to complete the repair is \$50,000.00. The 2019 Budget includes \$1,000,000.00 for emergency repairs. This item will be included in a FEMA *Request for Public Assistance* along with other damages related to the 2019 Arkansas River flood. A motion was made by Ms. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Smith, to authorize the staff to hire Diamond Construction to complete the repairs at Pine Street and Brother Paul Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilkins then advised that due to an emergency need for sewer line replacements in the Glenview Subdivision, the staff prepared change order documents for pipe bursting three line segments totaling 830 linear feet of six-inch gravity sewer lines to be added to the existing contract for the South Levy/Indian Hills Basins Pipe Bursting 2017 Rehabilitation Project. All prices are unit prices which have already been established by the existing contract and the estimates are based on extension of itemized quantities. The estimated cost for this change order is \$69,473.32. The 2019 Budget includes \$1,000,000 for emergency repairs. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to authorize the staff to proceed with the execution of Change Order #1 for the South Levy/Indian Hills Pipe Bursting 2017 Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$69,473.32. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, Mr. Wilkins informed the Committee that the Glenview Subdivision area sewer lines were constructed around 1956 and are in very poor condition. The staff has prepared documents for pipe bursting an additional 14 line segments for a total of 4,018 linear feet of six and eight-inch gravity sewer lines to be added to the existing contract for the South Levy/Indian Hills Basins Pipe Bursting 2017 Rehabilitation Project. All prices are unit prices which have already been established by the existing contract and the estimates are based on extension of itemized quantities. The estimated cost for this change order is \$271,206.60 which will be funded through the 2016 Revolving Loan Fund Loan. A motion was made by

Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to authorize the staff to proceed with the execution of Change Order #2 for the South Levy/Indian Hills Pipe Bursting 2017 Rehabilitation Project contingent upon approval from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee then discussed the I-40 interchange (Maumelle) force main relocation. There is an existing eight-inch sewer force main (Morgan Pump Station) at the Counts Massie Interchange Project which requires relaying the force main at a deeper depth with an encasement to mitigate the conflict with the proposed roadway. The field conditions revealed the existing force main was not at the proper clearance depth with the proposed project and the proposed change order allows for an encasement pipe for the force main to be installed for approximately 160 linear feet. The estimated cost for this change order is \$49,040.00. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to enter into a contract with Diamond Construction and proceed with the execution of Change Order #1 contingent upon approval from the Arkansas Department of Transportation. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilkins then informed the Committee that the DRT Bio Solids contract needs to be renewed for an additional year for removal of the bio solids from the Five Mile Creek Treatment Plant. The unit costs are the same as the previous year's cost and are expected to be around \$712,000.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Smith, to renew the bio solids removal contract. The motion carried unanimously.

The staff then presented to the Committee updates regarding damages resulting from the recent flood. The dollar amount of the estimated damages totals approximately \$1,641,090.00. Mr. Wilkins notified the Committee that the Utility is making a request to FEMA for reimbursement of this amount.

The notable damage is the influent pump station power and generator at the White Oak Treatment Plant. The electrical meter and associated junction boxes are installed in the flood area. A generator installed out of the flood plain is greatly needed as on the evening of May 29th at about 5:45 p.m., a power outage occurred during the flood event. The station was without power until around 10:15 a.m. on May 30th. Due to the flood, the staff was unable to bring a trailer-mounted generator to power the station. To keep the station powered during the flood, a temporary coffer dam was constructed. The coffer dam reached a critical imminent failure point on June 4th, but fortunately, the operations staff was able to stabilize it. Further, the service and related junction boxes/electrical disconnects at the chlorine building and lagoon aerators went under water during the river crest. A quote was received from BentCo, Inc. in Searcy, Arkansas for the repairs at these

two sites in the amount of \$64,500.00. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to get an additional quote and begin the repairs. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Matthews then advised the Committee that the gun club located behind the Faulkner Lake Treatment Plant also suffered major damage due to the flood waters. The cost to make the necessary repairs to the 300-foot easement and access road to the property (which includes adding rip rap along the bank of the river) is \$38,500.00. The gun club is requesting that the Utility share equally this expense. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to authorize the Utility to share one-half the costs of the repair in the amount of \$19,250.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was then made by Mr. Smith to go into Executive Session. At the conclusion of Execution Session, the following actions were taken:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to promote Michael Clayton to Assistant Director and Chief Engineer and authorize Mr. Wilkins to set his salary. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to raise Mr. Wilkins salary \$3,758.00 immediately. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Smith, to excuse the absence of Mr. Stephens from the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further action to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:56 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



K. W. MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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Smith

SYLVESTER SMITH,
VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY