

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
FONTANA/WALWORTH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
N840 CHILSON ROAD, WALWORTH, WISCONSIN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 AT 6:00PM

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

O'Neill called the meeting to order at 6:01PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Mike Anderson, Jim Feeney, Peter Kahl, Pat McMahon, LeRoy Nordmeyer, John O'Neill, Arvid Petersen

Absent: Tom Connelly, Tom McGreevy

Also Attending: Superintendent York, Office Manager Leonard

Visitors: None

VISITORS HEARD

None

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Petersen to approve the January 12, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes; second by Feeney. Unanimously carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Superintendent's Report:

The plant ran well. Average BOD <2 mg/l, average TSS 1.2 mg/l, and average chlorides of 389 mg/l.

Plant staff has been busy keeping up with weather related issues. Operations are affected by the extreme cold temperatures and snow removal has been ongoing.

I suspect that there may be another break in the underground water line to the north end of the plant as our water usage has increased to levels we found 2 years ago when the first leak was discovered. If this is found to be the situation, we will need to have another line run to replace the existing one. The contractor who did the repairs at that time, McGill Construction, stated that the existing piping they repaired may fail due to age and the bedding the piping was laid in. McGill Construction said the rocky substrate containing the piping and the piping age could lead to additional failures. Identifying the existence of a break and its location may be delayed until spring due to the snow cover.

The phosphorus project is still waiting for deliveries of essential equipment to arrive and be installed to start generating credits for compliance. The main issue is the arrival of the gates to control pond level and discharge flow from the ponds. The work being done in clarifier 3 began today and is progressing as expected. The unit should be back in operation by the end of the week.

Our basin engineer with the DNR, Nick Lent, will be here on the 23rd to inspect the plant and collect a sample of our effluent for analysis in a Pfas chemical, economic impact study. The results of this study may have an impact on our ability to apply our sludge to the surrounding farmland. I will keep you informed as we receive information on the study.

Plant Operator Josh Briones has attended a virtual training seminar on wastewater plant maintenance to improve his skills and gain continuing education credits for his license.

The auditors from Sitzberger were here last week and are finishing our audit from their offices.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Payables and Financial Reports:

Motion by Petersen to approve the payables and Financial reports; second by Feeney. Unanimously carried.

Phosphorus Removal Project – Disbursement Approval:

Strand: \$8,938.35

August Winter: \$228,235.00

Motion by Feeney to approve the disbursements; second by Nordmeyer. Unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Superintendent's Report:

We'd like to move our lab assistant to from part time to full time. We have been putting her to work in both the lab and the office. She assisted in the audit in the office and has been working with our lab manager extensively in the lab. She has just completed the yearly proficiency test and passed all 5 tests to recertify the lab. We have found that we need her on a more full-time basis than part time.

Motion by Petersen to approve lab assistant to full time; second by Feeney. Unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nordmeyer to adjourn meeting at 6:09PM; second by Feeney. Unanimously carried.

Minutes prepared by: Cayla Domski, Office Assistant

Note: These minutes are subject to further editing. Once approved by the FWWPCC Board, the official minutes will be kept on file at the FWWPCC Office.

APPROVED: