

Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of September 17, 2015
3:30 PM
Lake Santee Community Room

1. Roll Call

Scott Gibbs called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. Members present were Scott Gibbs, Kathy Tarzwell, Jim Hornig, Greg Montgomery, Ed Fox and Paul Gosnell. Absent was Clair Fredrickson. Also attending were Brandon Litmer, Utility Superintendent and Brad Jones, Utility Administrator.

2. Consent Items

- a. Minutes from August 20, 2015
- b. Financial Reports
- c. Register of Claims for sewer operating
- d. Register of Claims for water operating

A motion was made by Kathy Tarzwell and seconded by Ed Fox to accept the consent items as presented. Motion carried.

3. Operator's Report

a. Sewer Status Report

Brandon reported that the sewer plant is operating well with no issues and all test are normal. One leaking tee was repaired.

b. Water Status Report

Brandon reported that the water plant continues to operate well and all test are normal. The quality of the water continues to be at a very safe level, but the issue with the elevated manganese levels continues when water is passed through the carbon tanks; so the carbon tanks are still being bypassed.

i. EVOQUA

The company that supplied the carbon is EVOQUA and they have not been cooperative in helping to determine a resolution to the elevated manganese levels since our last carbon change. After promising to test their carbon and send us the test results, Evoqua is now refusing to supply the test results to us and are no longer returning Brandon's phone calls. At the suggestion of Rural Water, Brandon has contacted Water Solutions to assist us with this issue. We will ask our attorney if we should draft a letter to Evoqua. We continue to withhold payment to Evoqua until the problem is resolved, as the IDEM test results indicate that the carbon supplied by Evoqua is the source of the manganese.

ii. Water tower inspection / cleaning

Brandon reported that Dixon Engineering will do the inspection and cleaning this fall; no definite date has been set at this time.

c. Upcoming Conferences / Training Classes

The IRSDA annual conference is set for 10/26, and most of the board will attend. Jesse's water treatment and water distribution test is 11/5 – he has been attending the weekly test prep classes. There is a free Board Training class in Connersville on 11/18 for those who are interested.

4. Administrator's Report

a. Status Report

Brad reported there were 130 ACHs, 18 credit card payments, 1 valve turn, and 2 shut offs this past month.

- b. Write-Offs – None this month
 - c. Correspondence – None this month
- 5. Attorney's Report – None this month
- 6. Committee Reports
 - a. Board Member Guide Committee
 - i. Board Training Topic: None this month
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Rate Study / New Rate Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 09-__-2015 covering a rate adjustment was read. It was felt that a few changes needed to be made. This will be done and voted on at the next board meeting.
 - b. Napoleon Water

Gene from Napoleon Water and his engineer visited our Water Plant. They did not see any problems that would interfere with the proposed plan of backing up each other in case of any emergency. They will do some engineering studies and get back to us with a plan to make the necessary connections.
 - c. North Gate License

The suggestions and corrections that were discussed at the August meeting were reviewed by our attorney. She then incorporated them into a new agreement which was presented to the LSPOA Board. The POA voted on and approved the agreement at their September meeting. Ed Fox made a motion to approve the agreement. Jim Hornig seconded it. Motion carried.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Management Agreement

It is that time of the year to start working on the Management agreement with POA. We need to have this approved by the December meeting.
 - b. Financial Reports for new Bond Holder (similar to RD 442)

Scott raised the question if there are any reports needed for our new Bond Holder such as the RD 442 form that was needed in previous years. Brad said there were none that he knew of.
- 9. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by
Paul E. Gosnell, Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval by the LSRWWD Board at the October 15, 2015 meeting.