

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 20, 2020 1:00 p.m. via Teleconference

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Chairman Mike Sims, Vice-Chairman John Handler, Director Jim Hickey, and Director David Wilson present. Director Owen Nicholson was unable to call in.

Also present on the call was Manager Bruce Halverson, and Executive Assistant Keri Scott. There were no members of the public present on the call.

MINUTES

Director Handler made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Wilson and passed unanimously.

Director Handler made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2020 Budget committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Wilson and passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Hickey made a motion to approve the financial report for the month ending March 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Handler and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Declaration of State of Emergency Extended to June 17th, 2020.

Director Handler made a motion to approve the Declaration of Emergency Extension. The motion was seconded Director Hickey and passed unanimously.

Resolution 2020-02: Temporary Employee Deductible Reimbursement Plan. A motion as was made by Director Hickey and seconded by Director Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

COVID-19 Testing: NBWA joined up with BioBot, a company out of Massachusetts that has been testing influent(raw) wastewater nationwide for COVID-19. We signed up in early April to get on the limited list and take advantage of a reduced cost. We were accepted at the end of April and at this point have completed two sets of samples and sent them back to BioBot. We will send two more sets, for a total of four, during the month pf May at a cost of \$120.00 per test, a total cost of \$480.00. In June, when the reduced cost offer expires, the same testing will be \$1,200.00 per test.

Bio-Solids Project: The bio-solids project is out for bids. The bids were opened on May 19, 2020 at 2:00 pm. We had a pre-bid meeting on May 7th via telephone that included three potential bidders; Fire Mountain Farms, Tribeca Transport, and Synagro. Synagro and Tribeca combined for a base bid of \$299,520 and Fire Mountain Farms had a base bid of \$113,198.

Director Hickey moved to accept the bid from Fire Mountain Farms of \$113,198.00 for the Biosolids Removal Project. The motion was seconded by Director Handler and passed unanimously.

River Discharging: Discharging into the river will end on May 25th. At that time, we will coordinate with the farmers to determine when they will want water for irrigation of the fields.

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MANAGER'S REPORT (Cont)

Beach Street Easement: Once again there seems to be confusion within the community on what an easement is. There is an easement that runs from University to Beach Street. NBWA has an easement in there but it is all on private property. One of the homeowners up there is trying to sell their house and they are worried that people walking the "easement trail" will keep prospective buyers away. They put up a makeshift fence and people in the community went bonkers because the fence was blocking NBWA's "public access trail." Yes, we have a sewer line in the easement. No, we do not own the "trail." We have had phone calls, emails, and in-person visitors requesting a copy of the easement, even the local law enforcement had to field calls from people demanding the fence be removed. The realtor of the homeowner, Dave Matthews, issued a public statement on social media to calm the storm. Our staff has answered all questions and educated the public and provided the easement paperwork when requested.

Director Handler commented that the same situation was happening on Tohl St easement and was wondering if we should put a sign on the gate declaring it private property.

River Levee Repair: Nothing new to report. There are too many agencies with varying opinions that are preventing this project from actually happening.

Botts Marsh:

We met with the engineer over the phone in a question and answer session to better understand the scope of the project. We are estimating the project at maximum capacity will put a load of 12,000 gal/day on our system. The first phase includes a restaurant, a fish processing store, a 28 unit hotel, and four studio apartments. The second phase of the project would include 28 cottages.

Budget Meeting: We held our first ever video/tele-conference budget committee meeting on May 6th. It went well. Everyone was patient with the new format that, hopefully, won't last too much longer.

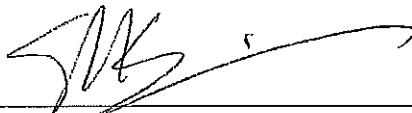
BOARD COMMENTS

The Budget Hearing Teleconference is June 17th at 7:00 pm with the regular June meeting following immediately after.

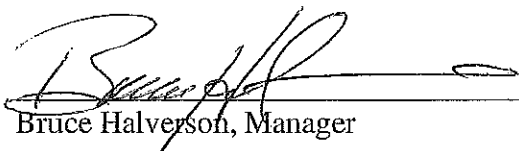
PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

There being no further business, Chairman Sims adjourned the teleconference meeting at 1:47 pm



Mike Sims, Chairman



Bruce Halverson, Manager