

A Regular Meeting of the Minnesota River Valley Public Utilities Commission was held on Thursday, May 30th in the Conference Room at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with Commissioners Present: Favolise, Huntington, Sullivan, Geldner, Tiegs and Wartman. Commissioners Absent: None. Also present: Rich Kucera, Public Services Director, Jasper Kruggel, Le Sueur City Administrator, Foster Transburg, Water/Wastewater Manager, Jeff Shodean with Agropur and Chuck Oehrlein with Stantec.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Favolise.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, Seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the April 25, 2019 minutes, all voted in favor.

Stantec/Project Update: Screens are in auto, spray wash is in manual until programmed. Interface with plant controls are complete. Training will be scheduled soon. Hatch was damaged, previous contractor did not install correctly. Hatch has been ordered with 8-10 week delivery, Gridor will repair at no cost if the project completion date can be pushed out to 9-20-19, original completion date was June 1, 2019. New hatch will be furnished with safety grade, Stantec will confirm with Gridor. Discussion was made regarding warranty of hatch, Stantec will confirm warranty period with the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, Seconded by Commissioner Tiegs to approve Gridor Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$179,550.00, all voted in favor.

Plant Liquid Process: Will be installing removeable screens over dump pit valve to keep large materials from entering the influent. Roof top units on building C have been repaired, RAS pump will be installed early June. A permanent repair on heat exchanger in building B is complete. Vertical biosolids conveyor is wearing, base is worn out. Contractor has rebuilt it but looking at replacement next year. The makeup air unit on building B is up and running, more work is needed. The rebuilt transfer pump is in and running. A dosing pump failed, looking at rebuilding for \$7300 or buy new at \$10,000, there is a replacement pump currently in use. Contractor repaired the I & I in old wet well (flows from Cambria and Henderson) at Mayo Park lift station. Flow through the Mayo lift station Monday was 770,000, normal flow is around 60,000. Henderson Intermediate Lift Station generator had a coolant leak and hoses needed replacement. Henderson Station Rd generator heat sensor replaced along with replacement of bearing on fan shroud. Henderson Main lift station has had a problem with overspeed issue for last couple months, contractor unable to diagnose, will start running every two weeks instead of monthly. Had a seal fail on pump, contractor has installed a replacement pump while faulty pump is being rebuilt.

Biosolids: Centrifuge was down for maintenance; dryer was also down for part of the month.

Agropur Update: Project has been pushed to year 2020.

Financials: Reflects 1 month of price increase. Discussion was made regarding revenue from Agropur biosolids being low. Staff will work with Agropur and look at improvements to treat more from Agropur and keep the Board informed. Discussion was made about lift station expense over 700%, it appears accounts are shifted from original budget, Jasper will contact AEM to correct. A Motion was made by Commissioner Tiegs, Seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the April financials, all voted in favor.

Bills: Motion was made by Commissioner Wartman, Seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve the bills for April 2019, all voted in favor.

MPCA Contested Case Update: Received notification from MPCA, will be keeping our current permit specifications. The Draft Permit is in review by Flaherty & Hood, will wait for recommendations from them.

Rate Increase: Previously increased to 20%, with increase ending at the end of May. Should have Springsted study by next months meeting. Board would still like to see revenue study of taking more biosolids from Agropur. Discussion was made about timeline of the Springsted Study and continuing rate increase. A Motion was made by Commissioner Tiegs, Seconded by Commissioner Sullivan to extend the 20% increase for 2 months, Commissioners Favolise, Wartman and Huntington voted yes, Commissioner Gelder voted no, motion carried.

MPCA Compliance Evaluation Inspection: Violations have been addressed and corrected. Response was drafted and mailed. Citations noted were; flow meter calibration, PH calibration and record keeping.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, Seconded by Commissioner Tiegs to adjourn the meeting, all voted in favor.

The next regular meeting is Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 5:30 pm.


Secretary-Treasurer


Chairperson