

WINFIELD SANITARY BOARD

MINUTES

September 1, 2011

On September 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. the regular monthly meeting of the Winfield Sanitary Board was called to order by Chairman Randy L. Barrett, at Winfield Town Hall, 1 Main Street, Winfield, West Virginia.

ATTENDANCE

Those attending: Randy L. Barrett, Chairman, Rod Burns, and Kevin Karnes, members.

Others present: Gloria Chapman, Secretary and Bill Harper, staff; and Tim LaFon, Town Counselor.

PUBLIC Hayward Harper and Alex Flores of the Jehovah's Witnesses were present to discuss sewer service at 3639 Winfield Road. Attorney Flores stated that the Division of Highways would only grant an easement to put a sewer line under Winfield Avenue to a utility or municipality; so he asked if the city would be willing to make the request. After much discussion, city attorney Tim LaFon stated that the city would agree as long as there was an indemnity waiver that would not hold us liable for the sewer line.

MINUTES The minutes of the August 11, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion made by Kevin Karnes and seconded by Rod Burns. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Bills paid – The bills paid for August 2011 in the amount of \$ 37,284.24 were approved on a motion made by Rod Burns and seconded by Kevin Karnes. Motion carried.

Financial Review – Income/Expenses. The financial statement for August 2011 was approved on a motion made by Kevin Karnes seconded by Rod Burns. Motion carried.

Billing Adjustments – The billing adjustments for August 2011 in the amount of \$ 1,521.27 were approved on a motion made by Rod Burns and seconded by Kevin Karnes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Chairman – comments/reports. Mayor Barrett reported that he met with Ashok Sanghavi and Jesse Parker of S & S Engineers regarding the response to the DEP violation stating we exceeded the average monthly permit limitations for ammonia-nitrogen in June 2011. Their response stated that we have a corrective Action Plan to address the limit requirements and that we have installed the fourth aerator in our lagoon and split our sampling of ammonia-nitrogen between two different labs.

Chairman – comments/reports (Cont'd.)

The Mayor reported that testing at one lab had been very high, while the test results at the second lab came in very low, and no one was really sure why. Mayor Barrett stated that he hand-delivered the violation response to Kevin Saunders of DEP in Teays Valley.

Staff Reports – Bill Harper reported that they have performed extensive testing on the lagoons to determine the ammonia-nitrogen problems. He stated that they sectioned off a grid pattern in the lagoons in 25 foot sections to do the testing and took readings at various depths from one to four feet testing for dissolved oxygen. He reported that all of the readings came back nearly uniform. Mr. Harper also reported that at the very edge of the lagoons the dissolved oxygen levels were at 19 or 20, which is extremely high. He said that possibly the algae in that area is the reason, but he was not sure. He stated that they took over 300 readings so far, and will continue testing to try and resolve the ammonia problems.

OLD BUSINESS

Garage – sewer plant. Mayor Barrett reported that he is getting an estimate to spray the existing garage at the plant with spray insulation, instead of the expense of building a new garage.

NEW BUSINESS

DEP Violation. As was reported by Mayor Barrett under “Staff Reports”, the response to the DEP Violation was delivered to Kevin Saunders in Teays Valley by Mayor Barrett.

Fine Bubble Diffuser – sewer lagoons. Mayor Barrett reported that he was given information on another aeration method for lagoons, which is called a fine-bubble diffuser. It is supposedly ten times more efficient than an aerator, and much cheaper. He sent the information to Mr. Sanghavi for review, but has not received a report back on it yet.

GOOD OF THE ORDER Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Rod Burns at 8:05 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy L. Barrett, Chairman

Gloria Chapman, Secretary