

**WINFIELD SANITARY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES  
July 7, 2022  
5:00 p.m.**

On Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. the meeting of the Winfield Sanitary Board was called to order by Mayor Randy Barrett, at Winfield City Hall, 12248 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia.

**ATTENDANCE**

Those attending: Rod Burns and Clarence Litton, members; Randy Barrett, Mayor; Nikki Phillips, City Clerk/Secretary; Billy Harper, Plant Manager

Others present: Mr. Tim LaFon, City Attorney

**PUBLIC:** Isaac Fadiga, Thrasher Corp.

**MINUTES**

Hearing no comments, the minutes of June 2, 2022, regular meeting were approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL**

**Bill Approval.** The bills paid for the month of June in the amount of \$95,036.46; hearing no comments the bills pass as presented.

**Income/Expense.** The financial statement for the month of June; hearing no comments, the financial statement passes as presented.

**Adjustments.** The adjustments for the month of April in the amount of \$2,452.87; hearing no questions the adjustments pass as presented.

**REPORTS**

**Chairman – comments/reports.** Mayor Barrett reported that Council approved the manhole project to move forward. We will need to submit change orders for the same contractor to do the retention project and seams. The contractor suggested he could save us money if we waited to do the additional projects in the fall when he had more availability.

We received a quote to fix the RipRap and gutters at the back of the headworks building in the amount of \$331.00. Billy explained that the 20' to the river needs a spillway to prevent further land erosion. The gutters allow runover that causes an ice hazard on the walkways in the winter. Clarence motioned to fix both the spill way and gutters at \$331 to avoid any slip hazards or land erosion.

### **Staff report.**

Plant damage is being assessed concerning a lightning strike in the vicinity of the new sewer plant on June 17, 2022. The incident damaged a lot of internal parts (routers, fuses, starter, 9/11 call out, fridge sampler, chart recorders, etc.) Precision Pump was able to jump the plant into manual operation. Billy Harper and Richie Ferguson worked the holiday weekend with 20+ hours of overtime each.

Aqua's original parts estimate to fix the plant was \$41,000. An insurance claim has been filed with the town's insurance company and the adjuster said that we could continue to find damage from the incident months down the road. Most parts have an 18-22 week lead time

Clarence Litton suggested that we should call AEP about some sort of lightning rod to prevent future strikes.

Sludge pump/press isn't working. Precision Pump is helping Billy Harper install a new board. State Electric will need to complete the programming.

If the insurance company declines any part of the claim, can we use ARPA funds?

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Thrasher Engineering's progress report on the new wastewater plant and expenditures if any for new bills.** Isaac reported he spoke with his contact at the DEP and he hopes to have our sludge permit written by Monday. He also agreed to have structural engineers from Thrasher look at the concrete pads currently on the new farm lease to confirm they are sufficient to dump sludge in bulk.

Screen is now working, pads need TLC to fit properly.

**MS-4 Program.** Bill was able to take a storm water sample.

**Infrastructure Projects utilizing the American Rescue Plan relief funds.** Change orders discussed for seams and retention project in chairman report.

**Possibilities of spending Contingency Fund.** Nothing to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Insurance Claim.** Discussed in staff report.

**Pay APP #16 SBR Plant.** Clarence Litton has requested that the math be looked at again on the Pay APP Submission, the numbers are not adding up correctly.

Tim Lafon is concerned about the screen and its past performances. He mentioned that we were told there would be an extended warranty on the final walk through, but we do not have anything in writing. He is concerned that if we submit the PAY APP as presented, we will not have any protection from future screen issues.

As the City Attorney, he suggested we enter an agreement with Hayzlett Construction stating funds will be dispersed 10 months from the date of the final walk through assuming there are no further issues with the new screen. Funds will be placed into an escrow account with an attorney to be paid out at the end of the 10 months. The only other option would be to have a warranty in writing along with a letter of guarantee from the engineers at Thrasher that there will be no future issues with the new screen.

Clarence motioned we escrow the correct amount of the PAY APP \$147, 361.91 (less \$2,563 in plant hours worked fixing the screen and \$75 to fix the gutters on the front of the building) since we do not have a warranty in writing.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mayor Barrett will be attending the annual conference for the WV Municipal League next month and he will not be able to attend next month's sanitary meeting at the regular time. Clarence Litton motioned the meeting be moved to Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Clarence Litton to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

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Randy L. Barrett, Chairman

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Nikki Phillips, Secretary