

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2022
5:30pm – Conference Room

The Board of Directors met in a regular meeting on Monday November 14, 2022 in the conference room located at 4015 Sherry Street, Sulphur, La., with Vice President Kent Chamblee presiding with the following members present: Ray Taylor, Theresa Bell, Kent Chamblee and Richard Boenig.

Absent: Larry Mouton

The Invocation was led by Kent Chamblee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Audience: Lee Lancon – Lancon Engineers, Inc.

Lee passed around a copy of a general summary of the construction status on the Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Exterior of Tank and Interior of Tank for EWST #1 Volunteer Road. Lee also gave a list of the following sequences the Contractor will proceed to work on EWST #1. Contractor estimates 3-4 weeks to complete the work weather permitting.

Lee mentioned he can get a price from the Contractor adding Quality on Tap on the EWST #1 Volunteer Rd Tank so that both towers will match. Lee stated he will email the price for the Board Members to approve.

The Contractor will be moving his staging equipment to Mosswood EWST #2 Tower. He would use the Totally Enclosed Painting Environment (TEPE) system by Eagle Industries for the containment of abrasive blasting and spray painting. The specific system he proposes to use includes a temporary framing system consisting of look-out beams (outriggers), cables, and pulleys that is attached to tank using steel lugs welded to the tank. The lugs are positioned in the knuckle area (the top edge) around the entire perimeter of the tank at a uniform spacing (15' maximum). For this tank they estimate there will be 30 lug pairs attached. The contractor would like permission to install the lugs before the interior of the tank is inspected. His reasoning is it does not matter whether the interior coating is good or bad he must install the lugs either way to blast and paint the exterior of the tank. If the interior inspection shows that the interior coating is good, he will have to repair the coating in the areas where he welded the lugs.

Lee spoke to Stephen with the Fire Department about his flows. When the Fire Department employees uploaded their data into the computer, all the odd looking areas they put in 2" nozzles instead of 4" nozzle in which they actually flowed and gave odd flow results.

Lee spoke to a gentlemen with the Fire Rating Board that stated there are Districts in Louisiana that have maintained network computer system that is calibrated ever so often that they rely on that information rather than flowing every hydrant. Lee mentioned that to the Chief that it is something they may want to look into. Commissioner Theresa Bell would like to attend a Fire Board meeting to explain what the problem is and that there is an issue to address so that the Water District can provide better water and better fire protection. The data from the Fire Department is inaccurate and the Water District has a deadline to meet so that we can get approved for the Federal Funding Program.

Commissioner Richard Boenig asked Lee what it would cost to contract it out for someone to do the flow test and get correct numbers for the District best interest to have since we are on a deadline. Lee stated he had another Water Company that hired out Flow Testing Hydrants and he said it was around \$200-\$500 per hydrant. All that we need are the ones that had odd flow rates. Commissioner Richard Boenig stated he wanted to pay for someone's time, not for each hydrant. Commissioner Theresa Bell suggested we see how many hydrants need flow testing and go from there.

Commissioner Richard Boenig asked Lee if we had a price to recoat the inside of the tank on Mosswood Rd. Lee mentioned it would be \$150,900 once they added the apparatus.

Waterline Requests from LACC on Bayou D'Inde Pass – Lee has not heard from them. Depending on budget year we may not hear from them for a while.

Commissioner Richard Boenig asked if all the customers have been taken care of on the sand on houses, vehicles, etc. Jay told the customers he is waiting until the Contractor is completed with the tower and at that time will address the damages.

There was a motion by Ray Taylor and seconded by Theresa Bell to accept the minutes after a few corrections were made. Motion Carried.

After reviewing payables, there was a motion by Ray Taylor and seconded by Richard Boenig to pay payables as presented. Motion Carried.

P & L Report – Reviewed and no corrections or additions

ETO Report – Reviewed and a few suggestions were made

Lamp Fund Accounts – Reviewed and no corrections or additions

Alice mentioned several customers were charged an NSF Fee for returned drafts. When the Tax payments went out from a third party, New Horizon, checks were received at the customer banks causing fraud. Customers asked bank for letter and were turned away. Another customer came in and said her bank account was closed due to fraud. Board agreed that without documentation there is no reimbursement on any accounts.

Alice stated that one day last month about seven customers dropped their checks in the night box and we never got them nor did it clear their banks. Jay will look at the night box and see if one needs to be replaced or there is a way no one could get to the checks.

Generator –The Cummings Rep. came out for a test run on the generator and Jay has a procedure written up on how to start and run the generator. Jay stated that he does not have an update on the transfer switch. The Cummings Rep advised Jay to run Generator on full load once a year. When the transfer switch comes in, Jay will be able to run the generator automatically on a weekly basis. Jay will run the generator manually on a weekly basis until the transfer switch comes in.

Well #1 and Well #2 – Layne Christensen sent over a quote to Jay. Jay mentioned on Well #1 was from the Sanitary Survey. The pump castings are brittle, the bowl vanes are chipping and washing away and the impellers show signs of cavitation. Layne Christensen recommends replacing in the amount of \$16,900. And delivery time is 2 weeks. On both Well #1 and Well #2 Jay stated the casing only needs to be buffed and repainted and he can do the work. The shafts have been reused before and are pitted and worn. Layne Christensen recommends replacing. New rubber inserts will also be needed but the retainers are reusable. New shafts cost \$13,100.00. Other issues were quoted. The total costs to complete all repairs is

\$60,530.00. The Board Members would like more detail on “brittle”, “pitted” and “worn”. Jay will contact Layne Christensen tomorrow.

Jay mentioned to the Board of Directors Tyler resigned from Waterworks around November 11th Jay would like to move Jeremy Lavergne up to lead operator position, along with raising his hourly wages. The Board of Directors is fine with bringing him into the position of Lead Operator although they feel that Jeremy needs couple of months to prove that he is able to handle that position.

Jay stated that he has not received results on the Sanitary Survey.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ray Taylor and seconded by Kent Chamblee. Motion Carried.