

# **NORTH LITTLE ROCK WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

A meeting of the North Little Rock Wastewater Treatment Committee was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the administrative offices located at the Faulkner Lake Treatment Plant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matthews at approximately 12:17 p.m. Those in attendance at the meeting were Mr. K.W. Matthews, Mr. Ed Nelson, Mr. Clark McGlothlin and Ms. Karen Bryant, and in addition, Mayor Mike Watson from the City of Maumelle and Mr. Jack Stowe, representative from the City of Maumelle. Also in attendance were Mr. Marc Wilkins, Director, Ms. Gina Briley, Mr. Charles Frost, Mr. Ronnie Thompson, Mr. Lyle Leubner, Mr. Michael Clayton, Mr. Mark Halter with Hilburn, Calhoun, Harper, Pruniski & Calhoun, Ltd. and Dawn Harmon.

First, the Committee reviewed the minutes of its December 12, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. McGlothlin, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, the Committee reviewed the cash disbursements for December 2017. There being no questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Bryant to approve the cash disbursements for December 2017 reflecting total cash disbursements of \$1,783,404.16 and transfers between accounts of \$1,155,295.75. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee then reviewed the Financial Statement for December 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. McGlothlin, to approve the Financial Statement for December 2017. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nelson inquired as to the number of customers the Utility services inside the City of North Little Rock. Ms. Briley stated that the number basically remains about the same and it has not declined. Further, the Commission was advised that Steve White had called and the Utility's pension plan made approximately \$1,199,000.00 in the year 2017.

Mr. Wilkins then discussed with the Commission the diversion of Maumelle wastewater to the White Oak Bayou WTP. He stated that the studies conducted during the evaluation to purchase the Maumelle Water Management wastewater system concluded it would be cost effective to eliminate the Maumelle WTP by

diverting the wastewater from Maumelle to the White Oak Bayou WTP. Diversion of the wastewater will be accomplished by converting the existing lagoons into flow equalization basins, modifying the influent pump station and construction a force main connecting the influent pump station to the newly constructed 36" White Oak Interceptor near its intersection with Counts Massie Road. Other modifications will include:

- Installation of new bar screens and Parshall flume
- Improvements to the White Oak influent pump station and bar screens
- Decommissioning of the Maumelle activated sludge plant
- Installation of auxiliary power supplies at the Maumelle influent pump station and the White Oak Bayou WPT
- Environmental sustainability component
- Decommissioning of the Counts Massie Pump Station #1 and connection of the Counts Massie Pump Station #2 to the new force main

The North Little Rock Waste Water Utility staff will provide the engineering services for the force main connecting the Maumelle influent pump station to the White Oak Interceptor resulting in a significant savings to the utility. All other engineering services will be conducted by Crist Engineers, Inc. with the assistance from Marlar Engineering Co., Inc. The breakdown for services between the two firms is figured on a 60/40 split as set out in an email to Mr. Wilkins. The projected cost of the project is \$7,500,000 to \$8,500,000 which will be funded through the current \$30,000,000 Revolving Loan Fund loan. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the project be done under a joint venture contract with Crist Engineers, Inc. and Marlar Engineering Co., Inc. and that the contract contain an exact breakdown as to the duties to be performed by each. The motion carried unanimously.

After discussing this project and the engineering services to be performed in house, Mr. Wilkins informed the Committee that in the last year to eighteen months, the engineering and treatment departments have saved the Utility approximately \$1,800,000 on engineering services.

A motion was then made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to excuse the absence of Mr. Smith from the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further action to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Mr. McGlothlin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:44 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



K. W. MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



SYLVESTER SMITH,  
VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY