

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK
WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

A meeting of the North Little Rock Wastewater Treatment Committee was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at the training room in the CS&E building located at the Faulkner Lake Treatment Plant.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ed Nelson at approximately 12:20 p.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was present. Those in attendance at the meeting were Mr. Ed Nelson, Ms. Karen Bryant and Mr. Gabe Stephens. Also in attendance were Mr. Michael Clayton, Director, Ms. Gina Briley, Mr. Lyle Leubner, Ms. Marybeth Eggleston, Ms. Millie Remer, Mr. Scott Kerby, Mr. Mike Marlar and Mr. Garrett McMichael with HALFF, Mr. John Heard and Mr. Tazio Qubeck with HDR, Mr. Richard Penn, City Engineer with the City of Sherwood, Mr. Scott Hilburn with Hilburn & Harper, Ltd., and Dawn Harmon.

First, Director Clayton and Mr. Ed Nelson presented a plaque to Dwayne Marrow, Superintendent of Plant Maintenance, and commended him for his thirty years of service to the Utility.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of its August 9, 2022, meeting. After review, a motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the August 9, 2022, minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, the Committee reviewed the cash disbursements for the month of August 2022. There being no questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the cash disbursements for August 2022 reflecting total cash disbursements of \$3,068,029.34 and fund transfers between accounts of \$2,740,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Bryant, the Committee unanimously approved the Financial Statement for August 2022.

Mr. Mike Marlar and Mr. Garrett McMichael then presented to the Committee the engineers' statement of probable construction cost for the expansion of the White Oak WWTP expansion. The Utility's permit expired in December 2020, and it is possible that the new regulatory requirements will include phosphorus/advanced phosphorus removal at the facility. The expansion will take the current plant from a 15 MGD to a 30 MGD peak. Approximately 24 acres is

needed to expand the facility. The 4 lagoons in place will be reconfigured to allow for equalization and storage of the biosolids. The estimated cost for the upgrade and expansion of the facility is \$112, 318,083.00. No action was requested by Director Clayton. He wanted to keep the Committee fully informed of projects for the future.

Next, Mr. John Heard and Mr. Tazio Qubeck with HDR, made a presentation to the Committee which included a report detailing the issues concerning the consolidation of the Five Mile Creek WRF and the Faulkner Lake WRF facilities. It was noted that due to major regulations coming in the next few years regarding phosphorous removal (also known as biological nutrient removal) PFAS or PFOS (forever chemicals) and ultimate treatment and disposal of biosolids, the consolidation of the two major treatment plants will be necessary to reduce long-term capital costs and maximize the efficient, effective treatment of water solids. The approximate cost for consolidation of the two plants is roughly \$37,754,000.00. Again, no action was requested by Director Clayton.

Due to the WEFTEC industry meeting dates conflicting with the normal second Tuesday meeting of the Committee, Director Clayton requested that the October meeting date be moved up one week to the first Tuesday of the month, October 4, 2022. Therefore, a motion was made by Ms. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the regular meeting of the North Little Rock Wastewater Committee be moved to Tuesday, October 4, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to excuse the absence of Chairman Matthews and 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. Nelson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


K. W. MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SYLVESTER SMITH,
VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY

