

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK
WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

A meeting of the North Little Rock Wastewater Treatment Committee was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the administrative offices located at the Faulkner Lake Treatment Plant.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Smith at approximately 12:17 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present. Those in attendance at the meeting were Mr. Sylvester Smith, Ms. Karen Bryant and Mr. Gabe Stephens. Also in attendance were Mr. Michael Clayton, Director, Ms. Gina Briley, Mr. Richard Penn, City Engineer with the City of Sherwood, Mr. Sam Hilburn and Mr. Scott Hilburn with Hilburn & Harper, Ltd. and Dawn Harmon.

First, the Committee reviewed the minutes of its April 12, 2022 meeting. After review, a motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, the Committee reviewed the cash disbursements for the month of April 2022. There being no questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the cash disbursements for April 2022 reflecting total cash disbursements of \$1,964,329.00 and fund transfers between accounts of \$1,583,800.00. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Director Clayton then reported that the staff advertised and received bids for the Five Mile Creek Interceptors Assessment on April 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. The project consists of condition assessment of 24", 30" and 36" reinforced concrete pipe interceptors using digital HDCCTV, Sonar and Laser Profiling of approximately 37,161 linear feet. Assessment of the interceptors in the Five Mile Creek Basin includes North Little Rock Wastewater and City of Sherwood sewer facilities. NLRW's portion of the assessment is 16,365 linear feet or 43.64% of the total while City of Sherwood's portion of the assessment is 21,137 linear feet or 56.36% of the total. The low bid was submitted by Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. in the amount of \$238,034.10 and the 2022 budget amount for the project was \$250,000.00. A copy of the bid tabulation was attached for Committee review. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to authorize the staff to award the contract for the Five Mile

Creek Interceptors Assessment to Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. in the amount of \$238,034.10. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Clayton then updated the Committee on the April 2022 highlights. These highlights are attached to the minutes and incorporated herein.

A motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to excuse the absence of Chairman Matthews and Mr. Nelson from the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further action to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Stephens to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



K. W. MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



SYLVESTER SMITH,
VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY

5/10/2022
Michael Clayton

April 2022 Highlights

DC Meetings: Discussed the clarification for PFAS requirements, Buy American requirements, Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), cyber security regulations for water industry and Phosphorous regulations coming out.

- Met with Congressman Westerman
- Met with Senator Boozeman
- Met with Congressman Hill
- Met with Staffers for Congressman Crawford
- Met with staffers with National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) to discuss Environmental Justice issues and the April 5, 2022 policy memo from Radika Fox EPA Office of Water Quality.

Loan Closing for the \$45 million loan from Natural Resources is complete.

Our attorneys have made progress with the refinancing of the three outstanding loans of \$40 million by a simple resolution by the City Council to lower the interest rate to 1.75% for all three loans and maintain the current terms for each loan. The total interest savings for the three loans is **\$2,229,330.13**.

NLRW SSOs are up compared to the last three years due to a wet Spring season.

Production for cleaning gravity sewer lines is up significantly for the last two months. The goal is 140,000 linear feet of gravity sewer lines cleaned per month.

Production for Point Repairs is up to 29. The goal is around 24 per month.

Production for CCTV has room for improvement, but they are currently working in some very difficult areas around the East Broadway area near I-30 area.

Maumelle Diversion Project: Staff is currently working with landowners attempting to acquire easements. It is a slow process and once the easements are acquired, bidding for the project will commence.

The study for the consolidation of the Five Mile Creek WRF with Faulkner Lake WRF is nearly complete and a presentation with the results will be presented to Staff within the next two weeks. Since Phosphorous removal is in play, the feasibility of the consolidation is very likely to be highly beneficial.