

# **NORTH LITTLE ROCK WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017**

A meeting of the North Little Rock Wastewater Treatment Committee was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the administrative offices located at the Faulkner Lake Treatment Plant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matthews at approximately 12:15 p.m. Those in attendance at the meeting were Mr. K.W. Matthews, Mr. Sylvester Smith, Mr. Ed Nelson, Mr. Clark McGlothlin and Ms. Karen Bryant, and in addition, Mr. Jack Stowe and Ms. Judy Keller, representatives from the City of Maumelle. Also in attendance were Mr. Marc Wilkins, Director, Ms. Gina Briley, Mr. Charles Frost, Mr. Ronnie Thompson, Mr. Michael Clayton, Mr. Mike Marlar with Marlar Engineering Co., Inc., Mr. Mark Halter with Hilburn, Calhoun, Harper, Pruniski & Calhoun, Ltd. and Dawn Harmon.

First, the Committee reviewed the minutes of its February 14, 2017 meeting. After review, a motion was made by Mr. McGlothlin, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, the Committee reviewed the cash disbursements for February 2017. There being no questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the cash disbursements for February 2017 reflecting total cash disbursements of \$2,206,740.29 and transfers between accounts of \$1,063,966.69. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. McGlothlin, the Committee unanimously approved the Financial Statement for February 2017.

The Committee was then updated by Mr. Mike Marlar regarding the White Oak Interceptor project. Mr. Marlar explained to the Committee that approximately 1.3 acres of land was affected by the easement which is as follows:

Mayberry property	0.44 acres
Jackson property	0.33 acres
County Club property	0.54 acres

Further, Mr. Marlar informed the Committee that he has contacted his insurance company to take care of acquiring the necessary easements and is having two (2) appraisals conducted on said property. Once the appraisals are received, the Utility will be in a better position to offer a dollar amount to the land owners. If the property owners decline the offer, that decision will determine how the Utility will proceed.

Mr. Wilkins then advised the Committee that he has once again been contacted by Little Rock Wastewater to renew an agreement to dispose of wastewater biosolids on sites permitted by the North Little Rock Wastewater Utility. The property owner is agreeable and has sufficient acreage to accommodate the request. Additionally, Little Rock Wastewater will pay to North Little Rock Wastewater a fee of \$5,000.00 for use of the permitted site. A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McGlothin, to authorize the staff to renew a Memorandum of Agreement with Little Rock Wastewater for the use of North Little Rock Wastewater's biosolids disposal site and permit. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, the Committee discussed replacement of pumps at the Maybelline Pump Station which was constructed in 1992. Mr. Wilkins stated that last fall both pumps went out, and the lower housings were discovered to be worn to the point that the original efficiency could not be restored. Due to budget constraints, the staff made necessary repairs to put the units back in service and delayed the purchase of new units until the start of the 2017 budget year. The 2017 budget includes \$60,000.00 for the costs of replacement for both pumps and the actual cost is \$50,707.25. A motion was then made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to authorize the replacement of both pumps at the Maybelline Pump Station in the amount of \$50,707.25. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilkins then explained that 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 Water Treatment Plant. A diversion of the wastewater would be accomplished by constructing a force main from the Maumelle influent pump station to the newly constructed 36" White Oak Interceptor near its intersection with Counts Massie Road. Other modifications would include:

- Installation of new bar screens
- Improvements to the Maumelle influent pump station
- Conversion of existing Maumelle lagoons into equalization basins
- Installation of auxiliary power supplies at the Maumelle influent pump station and the White Oak Bayou WTP

The projected cost of the project is \$7,500,000.00 to \$8,500,000.00 which will be funded through the current \$30,000,000.00 Revolving Loan Fund loan. Mr. Wilkins also noted that all engineering fees would be paid from Utility revenues and not the Revolving Loan Fund. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McGlothin, to authorize the staff to negotiate with Marlar Engineering Co., Inc. and Crist Engineers, Inc. for engineering services related to a diversion of Maumelle wastewater to the White Oak Bayou WTP. 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 12:53 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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K. W. MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sylvester Smith".

SYLVESTER SMITH,  
VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY