

NORTH LITTLE ROCK WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022

A meeting of the North Little Rock Wastewater Treatment Committee was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the administrative offices located at the Faulkner Lake Treatment Plant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matthews at approximately 12:14 p.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was present. Those in attendance at the meeting were Mr. K.W. Matthews, 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, and Mr. Scott Hilburn with Hilburn & Harper, Ltd.

First, Director Clayton introduced Ms. Tangelia Marshall as the Utility's new Human Resource Director.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of its June 14, 2022, meeting. After review, a motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the June 14, 2022, minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, the Committee reviewed the cash disbursements for the month of June 2022. There being no questions or comments, a motion was made by Ms. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to approve the cash disbursements for June 2022 reflecting total cash disbursements of \$3,097,459.74 and fund transfers between accounts of \$2,769,400.00. The motion carried unanimously.

After Director Clayton discussed some items within the June financial statement, a motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the June 2022 financial statement. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee then discussed the sewer facilities located within Burns Park. Director Clayton pointed out that within the Burns Park facility, there are seven pump stations and over the years there has been some confusion as to who maintains them. The committee was given a breakdown of the approximate cost of repairing or upgrading the pump stations. Director Clayton recommended the transfer of ownership from the city's parks department to North Little Rock Wastewater of five of the pump stations. The other two pump stations only serve one building each and can be treated like a plumbing fixture for that building.

The estimated cost of bringing the five pump stations to NLRW standards is \$124,960. Director Clayton recommended that any transfer of ownership be as of a certain date. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve further negotiation with the City concerning these pump stations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and the motion carried unanimously.

Next, Director Clayton brought up an additional item. The operations department needs a new roof on the belt press building and received three bids for the replacement. The bids were from PI Roofing for \$75,256, AQ Roofing for \$69,216 and Farley Roofing for \$49,540. A motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Bryant to accept the low bid. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Clayton played a video concerning PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances) which are also known as forever chemicals. After the video, it was pointed out that the state of Maine has banned the land application of bio-solids and it is anticipated the EPA will classify PFAS as toxic substances in the near future. The PFAS issue is going to limit wastewater plants on how they can dispose of bio-solids. The EPA is moving forward with enhanced phosphorus removal as a priority for the Mississippi River Basin. The removal of phosphorus from wastewater is a very expensive treatment process depending on the level of treatment of nutrient removal which has not been settled. The current Master Plan concerning the White Oak Treatment Plant includes the design of a mechanical plant with enhanced phosphorus removal.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to excuse the absence of Mr. Nelson. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further action to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Smith 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