

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK
WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

A meeting of the North Little Rock Wastewater Treatment Committee was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the administrative offices located at the Faulkner Lake Treatment Plant.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Smith at approximately 12:15 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present. Those in attendance at the meeting were Mr. Sylvester Smith, Mr. Ed Nelson, Ms. Karen Bryant and Mr. Gabe Stephens. Also in attendance were Mr. Michael Clayton, Director, Ms. Gina Briley, Ms. Sarah Smith, Mayor's Chief of Staff, with the City of Maumelle, Mr. Scott Hilburn and Dawn Harmon.

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

The Committee then reviewed the minutes of its December 14, 2021 meeting. After review, a motion was made by Ms. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Next, the Committee reviewed the cash disbursements for the month of December 2021. There being no questions or comments, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Bryant, to approve the cash disbursements for December 2021 reflecting total cash disbursements of \$1,716,692.83 and fund transfers between accounts of \$1,336,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Stephens, the Committee unanimously approved the Financial Statement for December 2021.

Director Clayton then advised the Committee that the current pipe bursting contract with Burkhalter Technologies, Inc. includes 120 gravity line segments scheduled for rehabilitation. Sometime prior to 1989, three of the line segments had been lined with 5" HDPE material. As part of the contract, the contractor was to remove the HDPE liner and pipe burst the 8" host pipe with 8" HDPE pipe. When the contractor attempted to pipe burst line segment #109, the expander encountered a ductile iron pipe segment that was hidden behind the liner and became lodged. The contractor encountered site difficulties due to the fact the

ground water table was elevated in sandy soils and was unable to pipe burst the remaining pipe. Different site conditions required the contractor to take a combination of open-cut and pipe burst approach to complete the replacement of 208 linear feet of 5" pipe. Three dewatering wells were activated and extensive trench safety measures contributed to the cost of this change order. Change Order #2 includes the *cost plus* approach from the contract in the additional amount of \$197,188.09. The removal from the Contract of Line Segments #108 and #110 is a \$19,800 deduction, making the total cost of Change Order #2 to be \$177,388.09. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to authorize the staff to execute Change Order #2 in the amount of \$177,388.09 for the Rose City and Military Drive Pipe Bursting 2021 Rehabilitation Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Clayton then updated the Committee on the following:

-The Utility received approval from the Arkansas Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Division for the \$45 million loan at an interest rate of 1.75% for a 20-year term contingent on the North Little Rock City Council approving the proposed rate increase. The staff is currently working with Hilburn & Harper, Ltd. on the rate increase ordinance to be heard at the February 14, 2022 city council meeting.

-The Lower Riverside Interceptor project is almost ready for bid.

-Director Clayton advised the Committee members that included with their monthly packet was a new financial disclosure which must be completed by them and filed with the North Little Rock City Clerk's office by January 31, 2022.

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 12:40 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



K. W. MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



SYLVESTER SMITH,
VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY