

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
March 13, 2024 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Dan Lavoie, Herm Blanchette and Shaun Murphy, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; Chuck Come, Superintendent; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk. Also Justin Skelly and David Prickett of DPC; and Joe Damour.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on February 28, 2024 were approved as submitted.

Administrator's Report

Ray introduced Justin Skelly and David Prickett of DPC, the firm that the District is considering to provide the necessary engineering services. David proceeded to describe the impending administrative order (AO) from NHDES and EPA that will require the District to implement measures at the treatment plant that will make effluent leaving the plant compliant with the new copper standard. The AO typically will give the District 54 months to comply with this order. Tertiary treatment will be required to deal with copper in the influent by solidifying the metal so that it can be disposed of properly.

The work included in the contract will address several subsystems at the plant, including electrical power, clarifiers, headworks, UV disinfection process, instrumentation upgrades and tertiary copper treatment facilities. A contract between DPC and the District for services for the first phase (preliminary planning) has been provided to the District.

There followed an extensive discussion on the proposed plant improvements. Dan asked about items that the District could implement in the near term that would be consistent with plan recommendations. One thing the consultants suggested was for the District to concentrate on improvements to the collection system to limit stormwater intrusion and increase plant efficiency. Staffing increases would also be a likely result of building the improved plant.

Also discussed was the matter of securing federal and State grants for this project. DPC offered assistance in this area and stated that the presence of an AO would enhance the District's likelihood of securing financial assistance.

The Commissioners voted to approve the contract with DPC with an engineering fee of \$364,522 and authorize Ray Martin to sign. It was also agreed that Task 5 of the scope of work, dealing with a survey of current sources of copper in the precinct would be paid for by an approved grant from NHDES.

Ray reminded that the annual meeting will be on March 19, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

The next Commissioners meeting will be on March 27 at 3:30 P.M.

Recorded by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk