

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
January 25, 2023 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Shaun Murphy, and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; Chuck Come, Superintendent; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meetings held December 14, 2022 and January 11, 2023 were approved by the Commissioners.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck discussed bids from two contractors, one for the components of a radio-based communication system, linking the two water storage tanks with the pump, and the other for its installation. Chuck said that TDS no longer supports the current dry-line connection between these facilities. For the past month he has had to inspect the levels of each storage tank daily and estimate the length of time he has to run the pumps to maintain the proper depth of water. The proposed radio-based communication system has advantages over an internet solution since it is not dependent on TDS for continuous operation. Chuck reported that the firm to carry out the installation, Electrical Installations, Inc. installed the system controls on the treatment plant and he has been very pleased with their performance. Following further discussion, the Commissioners voted to approve installation of this system and allocate a sum, not to exceed \$30,000 for its acquisition and installation.

Chuck reported that the plant was operating smoothly.

In response to a question on the status of purchasing screens for the headworks, Ray said he would be getting proposals from contractors. Chuck advised that the District needed to do a better job of removing inorganic material from the influent to increase efficiency of the plant and prevent problems with the pumps when this material is drawn into them. The screens in question play an important role in separating these materials out.

Administrator's Report

Ray reviewed the progress of Horizon Engineering on the rapid infiltration basin project. They have completed drilling of test wells on the receiving property and found suitable material to a depth of 20 feet in the upland portion. This is significant due to the need to move the pond locations to a higher elevation. Ray also described the improvements to the plant that are part of the overall project and being handled by another firm, DPC to the tune of \$600,000. The test introduction of treated effluent onto the property is expected to run from the spring until September by means of a temporary pipe suspended over the river.

Ray distributed the end of December financial report. He said that two federal grants helped the budget's bottom line -- \$30,000 for preliminary engineering on the injection project and \$21,265 from ARPA funds for the well refurbishment. Following discussion,

the Commissioners approved the December financial report.

Ray reviewed the draft 2023 budget which shows an increase of 2.9 percent over 2022. This budget has a 3 percent raise for District employees and assumes either that a second employee will be hired or the one on disability will come back to work. Ray reviewed each component of the budget and his rationale for the numbers there. He has included a 3 percent increase in the water and sewer rates in view of the current rates not being sufficient to cover expenses in the two parts of the District's operations. The Commissioners voted to approve the draft budget for 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.

The next Commissioners' meeting to be February 8, 2023.

Recorded by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk