

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
September 8, 2021 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman, Peter Savlen, and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; Chuck Come, Superintendent; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on August 25, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Superintendent's Report

Chuck reported that the treatment plant is running smoothly.

He also reported that the NHDERS staff continue their weekly visits, testing for ammonia and nitrates.

Chuck discussed some of the plant improvements that are planned, including reintroducing air into the wastewater holding tank. This will involve replacing worn-out piping and other equipment that are intended to reduce ammonia concentrated in the sludge in this tank. Another upgrade will be to install equipment in the oxidation ditches that will address the dissolved oxygen problem by automatically changing ditch rotor operations based on metered DO levels in the ditches. Currently, Chuck makes these adjustments based on his seat of the pants knowledge.

These upgrades and others are part of the wastewater groundwater injection project and are necessary to prevent the plant from violating permitted levels in future.

Chuck reported on the status of the well repair process now underway by Barry Miller. Two small monitoring wells have been introduced on either side of Well #1 and will be test-pumped next week to determine if the material outside of #1 is still suitable for water supply purposes. Chuck discussed the pumping process and what the result will hopefully be, namely that the problem has to do with blockages of water finding its way past the well screen and not with the parent material in the area outside.

Administrator's Report

Ray Martin reported that EPA is in the process of a one year extension of the NPDES permit for the District to continue discharging the treatment plant's effluent into the Warner River, scheduled to expire on September 21, 2021.

Ray advised that 2022 budget discussions will start at the next Commissioners' meeting. He also suggested that the authorization to borrow for the groundwater injection project will need to be increased due to the additional upgrades required to bring the plant into compliance with NHDES regulations.

The Commissioners discussed the Exit 9 development and their concern for potential pollutants that may be introduced as a result of current or future storm events influencing run-off from this property. Peter Savlen recommended river water testing below the site on a regular basis to establish base line levels. Chuck agreed to visit the site and review as-built plans if available.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

The next regular meeting will be September 22, 2021.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.