

WATER COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2013
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Frisina, Chairman
James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
Brian Cardoza
Commissioner Steve Brown

ABSENT: Steve Rapson
Tony Parrott

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: David Jaeger
Dennis Davenport

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Stevens
Chet Ward

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Frisina at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2013.

Brian Cardoza made the motion and Commissioner Steve Brown seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 11, 2013. There was no opposition.

II. MIEX UPDATE.

David Jaeger reported that he has been in conversation with Steve Rapson and they have set a date of October 3 to have a meeting with Mr. Rapson, Orica and CH2MHill. They will review the most recent round of testing that was done on the raw water at the different plants. The testing is to look for other opportunities that the county might consider for technologies, enhanced coagulation, different coagulants versus the MIEX process. Orica has done new sampling, at the same time that CH2MHill did the sampling for the coagulants. He said they will be reviewing that data and results from that on the third.

He went on to say that we are looking at options. The MIEX project bid date has been suspended due to some additional, supplemental designs that had to be sent to the state; more on site brine storage at the South Fayette plant. He said that his understanding from Mr. Rapson is that the county has asked the state to hold off on finishing the review of that supplemental design until the additional testing is completed. If that project were to go forward then we would go back to the state and say yes we are committed to this technology, answer any questions they might have, modify the design further if necessary. If the county decides to go in a different direction, then we just notify the state accordingly.

III. SANITARY SURVEY UPDATE.

Dennis Davenport reported that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow morning. He said he and Steve Rapson will be present as well as Stuart Jeffcoat,

Lisa Speegle, Bill Stevens and Chet Ward. EPD came back and said they are extending our response time to October 11. This is an opportunity for us to do a substantive review of EPD's latest position, which has changed somewhat, not dramatically so, but there have been some changes; to see what the county's position is regarding those changes. Formulate a response by October 11.

Commissioner Brown said that he thinks that EPD recognizes we are making an effort and they are willing to look at some of those things. That would be great if that could happen. He said that we will be cautiously optimistic.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Commissioner Brown commented that the notice of violation obviously has gotten the phones ringing again and the emails coming back. We expected it, and he said luckily he thinks it was a prudent move on our part when we said in the previous one that we knew we were going to get this one. The phones were lit up the first couple of days when it hit the mailbox. He went on to say that we told people we were working on it and he thinks the press has done a pretty adequate job of telling them what we are going to be doing; that we have been looking at this thing and we will address it.

TOWN OF BROOKS

Commissioner Brown reported that he went to Brooks; Steve Rapson was there. David Barlow and Chuck Oddo showed up from the Commission, too. He said they issued a formal apology to Town of Brooks for not doing the testing and for not notifying them of the notice of violation as soon as we knew about it. They were very gracious about it and he told them that as soon as we get the new personnel in place, a new director or anything like that we would probably send that person over there for introductions at one of their Brooks Town Hall meetings, just so they could get to know the person and have that exchange. He said that it went well and they were very gracious about it.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:10 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 23rd day of October, 2013.

Lisa Speegle