

Water and Sewer Advisory Committee Minutes

Monday, January 7, 2008

1. Called meeting to order at 6:03PM
Excused: Craig Berndt
Absent: Don Dahlstrom
Present: Steve Bach, John Borggren, Mike Johnson, Bob Reeners.
Also Present : Joe Helfenberger, Dave Dillenberg, Dean Zanon
2. Approval of agenda.
Motion by John, Second by Steve to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
3. Approval of December 6, 2006 minutes
Bob noted that the minutes should be for 12/6 vs 12/3. Motion by Steve, Second by John to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.
4. Rate case update
Tom Karmen has the 2007 budget reports. He needs to see end of year status before he can complete the preparation work. Mr. Karmen was requested to present his findings at the next meeting. The annual inspection by DNR yielded 7 requirements to be rectified. Concern was expressed over a request for schedule of installing the new tower. Discussion that the general schedule laid out in the June 2006 report was still our intent. Dean Zanon is to prepare a summary of the report and send it to the DNR in response. Motion John, second by Steve to table. Motion passed.
5. Future/present split for rates
This is one of the items to be presented by Tom Karmen at next meeting. The information is not yet available. Motion by Steve, Second by John to table. Motion passed.
6. Water tank inspection

Inspector performed a binocular inspection and said that a detailed inspection would be a waste of money. We need a full exterior blast & re-coat. Interior inspection has been scheduled to meet DNR's June deadline. Reputable contractors are booked well in advance. Repainting should be bid as soon as possible and done in 2009. The sooner we get out specifications out the better. Joe is to pass on to Tom Karmen that he needs to add 300K to the rate case for painting (interior and exterior).
7. Radium result update
The latest results were obtained today. Received updated graphs from Rel with dates of sample. This sample was 4.4 pci /liter. Dean also looked at well levels on the dates of sampling.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Static Level</u>	<u>Pumping Level</u>
99 -2000	126	315.
2002	115	290
May 20, 2006	130	315
12/15/06	110	300
3/13/07	105	292
8/9/07	122	310
12/3/07	101	270

Discussion Of apparent re- bounding of water level relative to past years for the same time of year, the great lakes compact & related conservation activities.

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John stated that we've spent too much time talking about the radium issue. We have a committee and board approved plan already. He thinks Craig has a conflict of interest.

Dean presented data for Howard's 3 wells. Well 1 is inactive. Well 2 has been stable over 5pci/l since 1985. Well 3 has gone from slightly below 5 to slightly above 5 pci/l. In general their wells have had stable radium content despite increased usage. Motion by Bob, second by Steve to put Howard data on record. Motion passed.

8. Future Items

Rate case update

Future/present split for rates

Update or DNR inspection response

Burkel Development Water extension (Information was provided by Dean for discussion next time)

9. Adjourn

Motion by John, Second by Steve to adjourn.