

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility

Commission meeting

September 15th, 2022

Board Members Present: John Bond, Greg Engeset, Steve Skinner, and Gary Newton. **Absent:** Kevin Westhuis

Others present: Randy Lindquist, Jim Thanig, Eric Lynne (Donahue and Associates), Jeremy Wood, Kip Peters, Brad Vick. **On-line:** Rick Caruso, Joe Intihar

Gary Newton called meeting to order at 8:30 am in New Richmond, Wi. (Public Works Room)

Consent Agenda:

Motion made and passed to approve August payments totaling \$334,015.76. M/S Greg/John

Motion made and passed to approve the August 18th Board meeting minutes. M/S Steve/John

Financial Report:

Randy presented financial report as outlined in agenda packet. Motion made and passed to approve financial report as presented in the agenda packet. M/S John/Steve

Facilities Report:

Randy talked about sludge piping where the Ferric is fed into the pipe is starting to leak. Randy said he would get pricing for repair work.

Sludge storage area is getting full. Hoping for a dry fall to allow product to be applied on the fields.

Gary asked how hauling with SynAgro is going. Randy reported it has been good. Minor things but overall been going well.

Old Business:

Project update: Eric with Donahue discussed a few things with the design progress. They are working on the structural, Grade and electrical items currently for the 0.5 phase. The plan is to have things ready to submit to the DNR by the end September. The hope is that DNR will have been able to review the plans by the end of the year. Eric discussed looking into moving forward on engineering for 1.0 phase. Donahue to provide proposal for conceptual design and dryer selection of the phase 1.0 project. This will provide a better cost perspective in the spring of 2023 in order to discuss the path forward with all members at a special meeting.

Technology upgrade: After meetings using River Falls and New Richmond's remote meeting equipment. Board made a motion to approve Randy to purchase equipment to put together a system similar to the River Falls set up using the owl speaker/camera system. M/S John/Greg

New Business:

2023 Health Insurance: Randy talked about the health insurance information outlined in the agenda packet. Motion made and passed to accept the insurance offered as outlined in agenda packet. M/S John/Greg

2023 Budget/Project discussion: There was much discussion on the budget for next year. No action was taken on budget this month. Will put budget line back on for next month's agenda.

HACH WIMS SCADA project program update: Randy reported the project is moving forward. He said he had a discussion with the integrator about needing to upgrade the HACH WIMS. Upgrading the HACH WIMS program was not part of the upgrade proposal. Current version of HACH WIMS is outdated and will not work with the new SCADA computer operating system. To get around the problem the integrator said options would be to upgrade HACH WIMS, which will cost around \$13,000 dollars. Other option would be run two computers one for SCADA and one HACH WIMS system on old computer. Motion made and passed to upgrade the HACH WIMS system to work on new SCADA computer. M/S Greg/John

Annual meeting location: There was discussion to hold the annual meeting in Baldwin at the Phoenix event center on November 10 at 6 pm. Randy will check on availability and schedule if available.

Closed Session:

Motion made to go into closed session to discuss Superintendent, Operator/Maintenance compensation at 10:30am. M/S Steve/Greg

Motion to go into open session at 11:15am. M/S Steve/Greg

After much discussion, motion made and passed to give all positions a three and quarter percent wage increase for 2023. M/S Greg/Steve

Miscellaneous:

Next month agenda to include 2023 budget/project discussion

New employee hiring

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:20am. M/S Greg/John