

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility

Commission meeting

April 20th, 2023

Board Members Present: Greg Engeset, Kevin Westhuis, Steve Skinner, John Bond, and Randy Lindquist. Gary Newton, absent. Others present: Eric Lynne (Donahue and Associates), Jonathan Sherwood (CLA, auditors), Rick Caruso, Bradley Vick, Aric Bergstrom, Chris Banks, and Kip Peters (on-line).

John Bond called meeting to order at 8:32 am at West Central Biosolids, Ellsworth, WI

- **Consent Agenda:**
Approval of Bills: Motion was made and passed to approve February payments totaling \$197,988.76 M/S Greg/Steve – passed unanimously
- **Approval of February 16th, March 7th, and March 16th Minutes** M/S Steve/Greg

Financial Report:

Randy presented financial report as outlined in agenda packet. Billed revenues of \$296,442.51 and monthly expenses of \$248,555.88 M/S Steve/Greg – passed unanimously

Facilities Report:

715 loads and 5 million gallons processed so far for 2023. Up from last year.

Randy signed up for Starlink internet as other internet services have not been adequate. AT&T was just not fast enough. Continuing to work with Pierce/Pepin (Swiftcurrent internet) on extending service to the WCWBS facility.

- **Old Business:**

- Phase .05 Construction

- The job trailer for RJ Jurovski Construction is on-site and construction on phase .05 will be commencing soon.

- Phase 1 Engineering update

- Eric Lynne of Donahue and Associates gave a presentation of what phase 1 may encompass, conceptual design, and cost estimates. Phase one cost estimate is now 22.9 million dollars.

The board listened, commented, and did not make any decisions about phase 1 at this time.

- Baldwin Storage tank update

- Randy attended the Baldwin City Council meeting where this topic was discussed. Baldwin wants their tanks gone and the WCWBS board moved to abandon the idea of partnering with Baldwin for use of their old tanks. M/S Greg/Steve passed unanimously

New Business:

New Operator position in budget

- Randy announced that he is putting this position “on-hold” for 2023 and will revisit later.

Audit Review and Approval

- Auditor Jonathan Sherwood with CLA accounting went over the WCWBS audit and indicated that the accounting records are in great shape.
- We were under budget to run the plant by 68k in 2022.
- Over budget on capital costs. WCWBS used capital dollars to get phase .05 started.
- There is 2.9 million available in the replacement fund.
- Motion to accept the audit was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously. M/S Greg/Kevin

Revisit the “testing compensation” alternatives for employees of WCWBS.

- This item was tabled and River Falls is going to send Randy their “testing compensation” formula.

Commercial Lending Alternatives for phase .05

- Several banks have shown interest in loaning WCWBS the money needed to fund phase .05.
- Randy will be receiving formal interest in May.

Meeting adjourned. M/S Greg/Steve