

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility

Commission meeting

June 15, 2023

Board Members Present: Greg Engeset, Kevin Westhuis, Steve Skinner, Gary Newton, John Bond, and Randy Lindquist. Others present: Eric Lynne (Donahue and Associates), Jeremy Wood, Rick Caruso, Chris Banks, Joe Intihar, and Ben Jansen.

Gary Newton called meeting to order at 8:30 am at WCWBSF

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Bills: Motion was made and passed to approve MAY payments totaling \$1,000,037.82. M/S Greg/Steve – passed unanimously

Financial Report:

- Gary presented financial report as outlined in agenda packet. Billed revenues of \$319,364.81 and monthly expenses of \$317,262.11 M/S John/Steve – passed unanimously

Facilities Report:

- WCWBS attorney is reviewing the contract that WCWBS has with each community to get a better sense of how strong the contract language is in holding each community responsible to the terms of the signed contractual arrangement. Randy will report back at a future meeting.
- Concerns from some communities about phosphorus being high in the returned centrate. No source has been identified and will continue to monitor.
- Bills went out to communities for 2022 budget overage. Relatively small bills to true up the budget.

Old Business:

- Phase 0.5 update – Project is underway and going well.
- Randy solicited bids from lenders to borrow just over 6 million dollars to fund the phase .05 project. The other 3 million will be coming from a Federal Grant and the reserve fund. 4 banks submitted proposals and the Board agreed that Midwest One Bank out of Osceola had the best terms for the project. The proposal was 6.05% for construction loan and 4.8% for the permanent financing. ...20 year amortization (which may need to be modified based on the length of members contracts). The Board asked Randy to advance the discussions with Midwest One Bank.
- Phase 1 update: No real update as the Board has asked to put phase 1 “on-hold” for now.

New Business:

- Centrate chlorination for filamentous bacteria. Randy will continue to monitor this situation and consider possibly chlorinating the centrate at WCWBS. Randy will investigate further and report back to the Board.

Meeting adjourned. M/S Steve/John