

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility

Commission meeting

August 17, 2023

Board Members Present: Greg Engeset, Kevin Westhuis, Gary Newton, John Bond, and Randy Lindquist. Others present: Jim Than'g, Eric Lynne (Donahue and Associates), Rick Caruso, Absent: Steve Skinner. And on-line; Kip Peters, Joe Intahar, Bradley Vick, Brad Roy, Eric Evenson.

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

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Bills: Motion was made and passed to approve August payments totaling \$465,429.28. M/S Jon/Greg – passed unanimously

Financial Report:

- Gary presented financial report as outlined in agenda packet. Billed revenues of \$243,997.51 and monthly expenses of \$236,105.31 M/S John/Greg – passed unanimously

Facilities Report:

- Synagro hauling increased fees 3.42% based on the CPI. This will be part of the contract extension pricing.
- Randy reported we could see a 6 or 7% increase in health insurance; stay tuned.
- The high phosphorus levels we have been experiencing may be traced to not allowing the “ferric chloride” sufficient time to react. Figuring out ways to give it more time to reduce the high phosphorus levels the plant has been seeing. Seeing some success

M/S John/Greg – Approve Facilities report: passed unanimously

Old Business:

- Phase 0.5 Financial update by Sean Lentz with Ehlers. Came to discuss and assist WCWBS with securing lending for phase .05.
 1. Midwest one (originally offered to do the loan) backed out of offering the loan
 2. Sean reached out to other potential lenders and Bremmer Bank has indicated that they are interested in the loan and just need the appraisal completed to finish the loan.

Ehlers and Sean Lentz have done a nice job taking over the loan project and is moving WCWBS to the finish line on obtaining phase .05 project funding.

- Grant application for the Federal 1.6-million-dollar grant is complete and submitted. Waiting for EPA approval and fund dispersal.
- Phase .05 is approximately 20% complete and the project going well.

New Business:

- Three Change orders proposed for phase .05
 1. Truck grating changed from aluminum to galvanized (No Cost)
 2. 2" water line for screener needs to be extended (6,673.17)
 3. Need 4" OA vents between new and old tanks (\$6,446.33)

Motion was made by Jonh Bond and Seconded by Greg to split the cost of the 2" water line change order with Donahue Consulting and WCWBS pay for the second change order in full. Motion passed unanimously.

- Annual meeting may be at Tattersall in River Falls. Kevin inquiring.

Miscellaneous:

- Randy working on 2024 budget.

Meeting adjourned. M/S John/Greg – passed unanimously