

Special meeting of the Carthage/West Carthage Water Pollution Control Facility Management Board
Held in the Board Room of the Carthage Municipal Building
April 7, 2015

Attendance:

Carthage Members – Chairman Michael F. Astafan; President Wayne McIlroy and Trustee Kathleen Latremore. Trustee Linda Smith-Spencer was excused.

West Carthage Members – Mayor Scott Burto. Trustee Rob Peluso arrived at 4:13 p.m. Trustee Scott Sullivan was excused.

Others Attending – Bart Crary, DANC Chief Plant Operator; Carrie Tuttle, DANC Director of Engineering; Charles Prior, GHD Engineer; Fred Goutremout, Carthage Specialty Paperboard; and Elaine Avallone, Johnson Newspapers.

Call to Order:

Chairman Astafan called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

WPCF Operational Budget:

Chairman Astafan stated he received an email from a Board Member concerned about raises given to Joint Water employees in the amount of 4% and only 2% for WPCF non-union employees. The rationale was that West Carthage gave their employees a 4% increase and Carthage gave 2%. During Carthage budget negotiations; the Board authorized 3% for management employees. Trustee Latremore felt a 3% increase should be given to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for consistency. Mayor Burto stated a significant increase was given to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk during this fiscal year.

Motion by Trustee Latremore to give the Clerk and Deputy Clerk a 3% increase. There was no second to the motion therefore it was not carried.

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by President McIlroy to approve the WPCF Operational Budget for fiscal year 2016 with total appropriations in the amount of \$1,289,713.00. Motion carried with Trustee Latremore opposed.

WPCF Capital Budget:

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by President McIlroy to approve the Capital Budget for the improvements at the WPCF in the amount of \$8,800,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Street Pump Station Design:

Mr. Prior presented maps of the Water Street Pump Station and pointed out where the station will be located. Mr. Prior stated DANC will install equipment for the pump station to be monitored remotely. Trustee Latremore asked if the monitoring included security monitoring and Mr. Prior stated it can be incorporated and also monitored with the SCADA equipment. Mr. Prior explained the pump station will include a propane powered backup system if the power fails. President McIlroy asked why natural gas was not considered and Mr. Prior explained there is not a natural gas line in the immediate vicinity. After considerable discussion, it was decided to proceed with the pump station design with propane but to contact National Grid to see if it is possible to run a natural gas line to the site.

WPCF Project Scope:

Mr. Prior explained that in the new SPDES permit, the chlorine disinfection was not required therefore he is recommending taking the upgrade to the disinfectant tank out of the project. Mr. Prior provided other suggestions for upgrades to the plant. Mr. Prior also outlined a tentative project schedule with a completion date in 2017.

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Peluso to increase the engineering design amount in the amount of \$37,500.00 to permit GHD to research other upgrades to be included in the project to ensure all of the project funds are utilized. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Prior stated he will forward the revised engineering agreement to the Clerk for distribution at the April 15, 2015 meeting.

Executive Session:

Motion by Chairman Astafan and seconded by Mayor Burto to enter Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations with a particular corporation and request Mr. Goutremout to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goutremout was excused at 5:43 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Peluso to resume Regular Session at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mayor Burto and seconded by Trustee Peluso to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy L. O'Shaughnessy
WPCF Clerk