

College Township Water Authority
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Members

Present: Martin McGann, Chairman
Richard Harris, Treasurer
Carmen Santasania, Secretary
Michael Grutzeck, Member
Hayes Gearhart, Alternate

Staff

Present: Adam Brumbaugh, Manager
Robert Long, Finance Director
Joseph Fedeli, Auditor
Alfred Jones, Solicitor
Kim Mazur, Engineer
Lawana Brownson, Recording Secretary

Absent: Joe Fao, Vice Chairman
Michele Hamilton, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:05 p.m., Mr. McGann called to order the Wednesday, March 1, 2006 regular meeting of the College Township Water Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Santasania moved to approve the Wednesday, February 1, 2005 regular meeting minutes of the College Township Water Authority. Mr. Harris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS UPDATE: Mr. Brumbaugh stated that CTWA is at an average of 900,000 gallons per day. He stated that there were a few minor leaks including a small leak at Stearns Crossing. He stated that CTWA is one less technician due to John Keslar being on short term disability, but John is expected to return at the end of March.

FINANCE REPORT – Mr. Long, Finance Director: Mr. Long stated that there was no finance report.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bellefonte System Interconnection & Bulk Water Supply Agreement: Mr. Jones stated that in the agreement the main focus was the quantity of water that CTWA will supply Bellefonte. DEP wants Bellefonte to have a back up. The agreement stated that CTWA will not provide more than 200,000 gallons per day unless there is an emergency. Mr. Brumbaugh stated that Bellefonte will be discussing this at their next meeting which is next Monday. Mr. Harris asked what rate will CTWA charge Bellefonte. Mr. Jones stated that the normal rate of \$4.25 unless it is an emergency. Mr. Fedeli stated that CTWA needs to make sure Bellefonte designates a declared emergency first. Mr. Jones stated that nowhere in the agreement does it say that CTWA cannot provide more than the 200,000 gallons per day in a case of emergency. Mr. McGann asked what if CTWA needed water and if Bellefonte could help us. Mr. Brumbaugh answered that it could not be done due to hydraulic issues and because DEP would not allow it. Mr. Jones stated that he wrote a letter to Mr. Glantz regarding paying part of the costs for this project. Mr. Brumbaugh stated that it is going to cost around \$225,000. Mr. McGann stated that he would feel better if we had it in writing from the county that they will cover the costs. Mr. Santasania asked if the county is going to cover all costs. Mr. Jones answered as far as he knows yes. The Authority agreed to wait on a letter of commitment from the county before formally approving. Mr. Brumbaugh will notify Bellefonte that the agreement is otherwise acceptable.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Alfred Jones, Esquire: Mr. Jones asked the Board Members how they would feel if he was also to be the solicitor for Benner Township Water Authority. He explained that it is nothing definite yet, but it is a possibility that he would be asked. The Board Members agreed that it would be okay if Mr. Jones decided to be solicitor for Benner Township Water Authority.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mr. Mazur, Entech Engineering:

1. **Unaccounted for Water Report:** Preethy is waiting for the December billing to come back in order to do the final version of the Unaccounted for Water Report. As of now the unaccounted water is 18%. Mr. Brumbaugh stated that SRBC requires 20% while State College Borough Water Authority is 12%.
2. **Source Water Protection Program:** Entech is looking into some grant programs as well as Greg Wells of DEP. Entech is putting together steps and will have Dr. Parizek give CTWA an estimated cost for this project.
3. **Annual Submission for Wells:** Entech submitted all information to SRBC.

REVIEW and APPROVAL of CONSTRUCTION DRAWS and INVOICES for PAYMENT:

Mr. McGann stated that there are Construction Invoices for February totaling \$46,783.55 Mr. Santasania moved invoices be paid. Mr. Harris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. **Water Bill Dispute: Ronald Maxwell – 555 Struble Road:** Mr. McGann stated that as all other water bill disputes it sounds like it is their problem and that CTWA should offer the normal payment plan. Mr. Long stated that CTWA received a check from Mr. Maxwell's homeowners insurance for the bill. Mr. Brumbaugh stated that since Mr. Maxwell's insurance company sent a check that he believes the issue is resolved.
2. **Letter from The Clear Water Conservancy Re: Request for Support:** Mr. Brumbaugh stated that it is too late because of the due date in the letter.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE.

INFORMATIVE:

1. **Letter to Rockview Re: 2005 Annual Reconciliation:** Mr. Long stated that Rockview wanted the money to be credited to their account instead of CTWA issuing them a check for the 2005 annual reconciliation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Harris moved to adjourn the March 1, 2006 regular meeting of the College Township Water Authority at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Santasania seconded. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawana M. Brownson, Recording Secretary
cc/file Minutes Approved: