

**CLARKE COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2023
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Mr. Roderick DeArment, Chairman
Mr. C. Wayne Armbrust, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tom Bauhan, Treasurer/Secretary (Teleconference)
Mr. Lee Coffelt
Mr. Bryan Conrad
Mr. Bev McKay, Liaison for the Clarke County Board of Supervisors

OTHERS:

Mr. Paren Crawford, Inboden Environmental Services
Mr. Mark Inboden, Inboden Environmental Services
Mrs. Mary Meredith, Staff
Mrs. Ruth Emma, Locke Store
Mr. Jeff Emma, Locke Store
Mr. Matt Youngblood, Pennoni Engineering

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Meredith began noting that the most recent test result from January 24 was at 112 mg/L. Per previous meetings, the board made a decision that should a test result be above the required limit, after the grease interceptor installation, a special meeting would be held.

Mr. DeArment asked Mr. Crawford if there was anything he noticed on the visual inspection that was concerning. Mr. Crawford commented that the wet well looked better than it has in the past and there was not a concern based on visual inspection.

Mrs. Emma discussed that they are still having the wet well cleaned, and they are having the grease interceptor pumped every month.

Much discussion continued on things that could potentially have raised the level of the grease found in the wet well.

Mr. Inboden noted that one area that could help is if they increased their dilution to the system of adding water. It would increase their flow, but would dilute their discharge. The other discussion is the temperature of water going into the grease interceptor. The grease and water is still emulsified and has not cooled enough to separate easily. Another item discussed that could aid in the lowering of grease is replacing the bio block in the wet well. While the bio block could not help when the levels were in the thousands, at this level, it could bring the grease in the wet

well below the limit. Mr. Inboden also mentioned an aerator in the wet well would further help so the grease does not accumulate in there.

Mr. Bauhan noted that it is not the board's task to fix the problem. He noted that the customer has made a major improvement to the system. However, there is the issue of repayment not occurring timely, and setting a definitive date to coming into compliance. Mr. Bauhan recommended taking the average of a series of tests. If they are below, service can remain. If they were above, service would be terminated. Mr. Conrad agreed to a rolling average.

Mr. Armbrust inquired where we are with the current fines from previous samples. Ms. Meredith noted that when the grease interceptor was installed all the fines imposed were placed as a lien on the property as well as placed in a payment plan for repayment. Any future fines it was decided if it should exceed 100 mg/L after the grease interceptor installation, the minutes stated we would hold a special meeting and at that time assess how to handle the fines. If the board were looking at the time after the grease interceptor as the starting point, then the first overage we are discussing would be considered a warning per our rules and regulations. The first sample after the installation of the interceptor was below the 100 mg/L. If the next sample were high, that would be when the fine structure would be implemented. Mr. Armbrust would like to assume that this is ground zero, and considering the history, this puts into Locke Store's hands to resolve the issue quickly.

Mr. DeArment would like to discuss the payment plan timeliness of repayment. Ms. Meredith reviewed for Mrs. Emma the guidelines to be in a payment plan, which are the payment plan amount paid on the due date, and the current bill paid on time. If those conditions are not met, it is due immediately or service will be terminated. The January service was terminated, as payment was not made on time.

Mr. Coffelt struggles to look at this as a fresh start. He is also very concerned with what is occurring downstream in the system. The board of supervisors is concerned as well. We need to keep that in the forefront of our decision-making. This is for the taxpayer benefit, customer benefit, and board benefit to resolve this timely finally. Mr. Armbrust raised the question with the board about testing more frequently again. Ms. Meredith noted that weekly is too difficult as it takes two weeks to turn around the test results. The board discussed the rolling average, but some members noted that doing so would change our guidelines for everyone and that is not an action some wish to take.

Further discussion continued and it was concluded that, another sample of the wet well and the interceptor would be taken tomorrow. Locke Store will purchase a bio block and aerator for the wet well which Inboden would install. They will also look at lowering the temperature of water emptying into the grease interceptor via the dishwasher and the sink.

Discussion on the results would take place at the next board meeting and if any action is needed, it will be decided at that time.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.