

**CLARKE COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2023**

PRESENT:

Mr. Roderick DeArment, Chairman
Mr. Tom Bauhan, Treasurer
Mr. C. Wayne Armbrust
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
Two Representatives, McDonalds Restaurant

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

II. MINUTES

A. February Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and Ms. Meredith noted the correction to add Mr. Conrad as present in the header of the minutes. In addition, Mr. Armbrust was on teleconference while Mr. Bauhan was present. Mr. Bauhan had a few other spots for clarification. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the corrections. The motion carried as follows:

Mr. DeArment	-	aye
Mr. Armbrust	-	aye
Mr. Bauhan	-	aye
Mr. Coffelt	-	aye
Mr. Conrad	-	aye

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Locke Store

Mr. Crawford presented the latest grease result was 33 mg/L. The aerator

was installed but had to be turned off as it was causing the float tree to alarm. The board was pleased by the results. Mr. Crawford will test again once the aerator is operational. The board thanked Locke Store for their continued efforts.

B. McDonald's

The board and McDonald's representatives discussed the issue with their grease inspection still being high. The owner of McDonald's noted they have been working since they took ownership of the facility. They retrained staff, and are having a plumber come back out. They also requested the authority to purchase a bio-block for installation. Ms. Meredith stated she would do that and invoice them on their utility bill. Mr. Crawford will meet with their plumber tomorrow to review items. After the bio-blocks are installed, Mr. Crawford will pull another grease sample. The board discussed that they are being proactive and hope that this issue will be resolved soon.

IV. INBODEN REPORT

A. Utility Report

Mr. Crawford presented the utility report. He skipped to the wastewater report first. The aerator installation was already covered with Locke Store. The day prior, Mr. Crawford received a call for a sewage smell at Bishop Meade Road. It was found that the wet well pump was not operating properly and the float tree was damaged.

He reviewed the nitrogen and phosphorus levels for the past month. Mr. Armbrust inquired about the fluctuating temperatures inside the plant or is it the effluent coming in. Mr. Crawford noted roughly a three-degree variation in the temperature of what is entering the plant for processing. That small amount can make a large impact on the bacteriological process. Mr. Crawford reviewed the water plant. There was an issue at the White Post Booster Pump Station. One pump was broken and spraying water into the pump station. This was causing the water tower level to be low. The hose was replaced and pump put back into service with no further issues. The remainder of the issues revolve around the air compressors at the treatment plant. Mr. Bauhan asked for an explanation as to why air is important for the water plant. Mr. Crawford stated the Memcor unites need air, the valves are air operated, the membranes utilize air pressure. Mr. Coffelt asked if we replaced the plant today would we still use air. Mr. Inboden stated yes, air is the effective, efficient, and safe way to operate the plant.

Mr. Armbrust plans to write a site summary for the board on how the air compressors are utilized for the plant operation as well as recommendations for improvement. He noted that air is used to clear the micro filters and then uses tightly regulated filters to charge prior to going

back online. The CIP is the one that consumes the most air.

Mr. Crawford noted that on one night all of the 30 amp fuses blew. We did have an air compressor brought out by Broy & Son to help bring us back online. However, it did not fully resolve the issue. Mr. Crawford had sent parts to Ms. Meredith but these air compressors are probably nearing end of life.

Mr. Armbrust plans to present to the board an outline of recommendations for upgrades and increasing capacity.

Mr. Coffelt updated the board that on March 8 they responded to a house fire in Millwood. The fire truck went to the first hydrant on Bishop Meade and Millwood. That is where the electrical pole was hit. They left the pole in place, relocated Verizon's equipment to the ground, and tied the shelter to the hydrant. When the fire truck arrived to the hydrant, they assumed it was not in service. The fire was minor. The next day Mr. Coffelt reached out to Ms. Meredith for Verizon to remove their equipment from the hydrant. What they did was move the equipment about a foot from the hydrant.

Mr. Crawford noted that after this meeting he is meeting Brad Broy to send air through the force main in Millwood for grease analysis.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Water Tower Maintenance RFP

Ms. Meredith noted that the RFPs are due at 3pm today. Ms. Meredith requested two board members to help review the documents. Mr. Bauhan and Mr. Conrad volunteered to review the information and make a recommendation to the board in April.

B. Cell Tower Lease

Ms. Meredith noted that she is waiting to have the comments back from the county attorney with review of the lease.

C. Effigy Boyce Water Tower

We have the materials but have not found a company to install the effigies. We are waiting to see if the company with the RFP could install them. Ms. Meredith will keep the board posted on that at the next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Meredith asked if we are looking to review the letter drafted given the issues with Locke Store, or do we want to update the rules and regulations in combination with this letter. The board did ask for the rules and regulations to be updated for more detail on grease sample overages.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Budget

The board asked to review this at a special meeting. They scheduled the meeting for April 4, 2023 at 9:00am.

B. Rates

The board asked to review this at a special meeting. They scheduled the meeting for April 4, 2023 at 9:00am.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 9:00am.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.