

CLARKE COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2024

PRESENT:

Mr. Roderick DeArment, Chairman
Mr. C. Wayne Armbrust, Vice Chairman
Mr. Tom Bauhan
Mr. Bryan Conrad
Mr. Lee Coffelt

ABSENT:

Mr. Bev, McKay, Liaison for the Clarke County Board of Supervisors

OTHERS:

Mark Inboden, Inboden Environmental Services
Paren Crawford, Inboden Environmental Services
Lucas Semones, Inboden Environmental Services
Mike Legge, Clarke County Purchasing Manager
Mr. Nate Williams

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeArment called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

II. MINUTES

A. August 20, 2024

Mr. Coffelt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bauhan to approve the minutes of August 20, 2024 as amended. The motion carried as follows:

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Nate Williams, owner of 1540 Millwood Road, addressed the Board.

Mr. Williams questioned why he was still receiving usage charges if his water/sewer service had been terminated earlier this year. Mr. Coffelt stated that the CCSA had a minimum base rate for water and sewer usage fees that are charged even in circumstances when the water/sewer service had been terminated.

Mr. Williams asked the Board if they would turn his water back on since the Sanitary Authority had a lien on his property for the entire account balance.

Mr. DeArment stated that Mr. Williams still has a very large water leak that Mr. Williams had not yet repaired. Mr. Williams questioned whether or not he has a water leak. Mr. DeArment and Mr. Armbrust spoke of how leaks can sometimes go directly into the ground without the customer knowing about the leak. They also spoke of how the electronic meters function and are able to gather daily log information.

Mr. Inboden spoke about how the Sanitary Authority is responsible for maintaining the water mains and crocks and that customers are responsible for repairing leaks on their service laterals. Paren Crawford confirmed that he had seen the leak in Mr. Williams basement.

Mr. Williams asked if the Board would provide him with a payment plan in order to get his water/sewer service activated. Mr. DeArment stated that if the Board activated the water, there would be at least 1,100 gallons per day of water loss because that is how much water was being lost when the service was terminated and the leak has not yet been repaired.

Mr. Coffelt said that it would not be responsible for the Board to activate service without having assurance that the leak had been repaired first. Mr. Coffelt added that it was a huge first step that Mr. Williams came to the meeting to discuss the issue.

Mr. Armbrust stated that the CCSA had replaced the meter with a new meter to confirm and verify that the high usage was not due to a faulty meter. Mr. Williams acknowledged that IES had switched out the meters to help verify that it was not a meter issue.

Mr. Armbrust agreed with Mr. Coffelt's statement that it would not be responsible for the CCSA to activate service without confirmation that the leak had been repaired. Mr. Armbrust added that the CCSA does not operate for profit and that the Authority incurs a great expense to treat the large amount of water that has been lost due to the unrepaired water leak.

The Board agreed that Mr. Williams would need to fix the water leak and then come to a future Board Meeting to discuss the issue again before the Board would consider a payment plan and/or activate his service.

IV. INBODEN REPORT

Paren Crawford reported the following:

- The nitrogen levels at the Wastewater Plant are much improved since the temperatures have gone down.
- Water production is still higher than normal. During the September billing cycle, there were several customers with higher-than-normal usage readings. The hope is that when the cause of these higher than normal readings are determined, the water production will continue to decrease and return to normal levels.
- A router had been knocked out during a storm and the County's IT Department responded quickly to resolve the issue.
- Two new membranes were recently delivered and they will be installed soon at the

Water Plant.

- Recently, a problem with the level transducer at the wastewater plant caused the pumps not to turn on, which caused the levels in the EQ basin to be very high. Paren was able to manually turn on the pumps and resolve the problem. The transducer was stuck on some material and had floated to the top. Paren added extra weight to the transducer. Mr. Bauhan asked if there is an upgrade needed. Mr. Inboden stated it was a rare problem and that it should be a one-time thing. Mr. Inboden added that they overhauled the influent raptor screen with new connection, valves, and screens.

Mr. Coffelt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armbrust to increase the Water Capital Budget in the amount of \$19,750 to fund the purchase of a new SCADA system for the Boyce Water Filtration Plant. The motion carried as follows:

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Legge notified the Board that he had received a phone call from Steve Wence. Mr. Wence is interested in reclassifying the property at 12 South Greenway from an existing commercial water and sewer service to a residential water and sewer service. Mr. Legge notified the Board that he would draft a letter to Mr. Wence that explains the Authority's policy on reclassification of service and would wait for Mr. Wence's response.
- B. Hydrant Flushing has been scheduled for October 8th through the 10th this year.
- C. Mr. Bauhan and Mr. Coffelt continue to work with the County Treasurer, Administrator, Attorney to develop a MOU and revision of polices to help collect delinquent amounts.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 9:00 am.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman DeArment adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am.