

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Horace Harrod. Present were Board members-James Griffin and Art Henson, Accountant-Stan Clark, Attorney-Carl Horneman, and from Veolia Water – Ed Basquill, Kevin Gibson, Vickie Miller and Andrea Matz.

1. **Minutes** - The minutes from the July 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were emailed for review in advance and presented in the meeting packet for approval.

A motion was made by Art Henson and seconded by James Griffin to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014 Regular Board Meeting with one correction to remove Kevin Gibson's name from attendance as he was not at the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Treasurer's Report and Payables Request**

The financial reports and payables requests were presented in the meeting binder. Stan Clark reviewed the monthly financial report and payables request for sewer. Upon review of the payables request, the Board requested the expense of \$6,350 to repair a ditch at 13115 Settlers Point be moved to the stormwater payables.

A motion was made by Art Henson and seconded by Horace Harrod to approve the sewer financial report for July 2014 and current payables in the amount of \$285,996.16. The motion carried unanimously.

Stan Clark requested the Board's permission to make monthly interest payments to Stockyards Bank via wire transfer.

A motion was made by Art Henson and seconded by James Griffin to authorize Stan Clark to pay monthly interest payments to Stockyards Bank via wire transfer. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board also discussed financing for the construction of a new regional wastewater treatment plant that includes SRF funds, a bridge loan from Stockyards Bank, and a county GO bond. The Board advised Stan Clark to proceed with a request for the GO bond and advised Jim Hagerty to proceed with bidding procedures for the project.

The Board then reviewed the financial report and payables request for stormwater.

A motion was made by Art Henson and seconded by Horace Harrod to approve the stormwater financial report for July 2014 and current payables in the amount of \$63,786.77 which includes \$6,350 for ditch repair that should be deducted from the \$30,000 committed to the County. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Public Comment 1** – Jill McNevin of 6504 Crossbrook Drive in Pewee Valley addressed the Board concerning sewer rates. Ms. McNevin stated that she is a long-time resident of Oldham County and for years the sewer rates were reasonable, but in recent years have increased dramatically and that she did not understand why there is a flat fee in addition to a usage fee. The Chairman explained that the Board is always mindful of what is in the best interest of the rate payer and keeps the rates at the minimum level necessary to operate. He went on to review the rate structure and stated that the flat fee has a portion dedicated for infrastructure capital costs. This is necessary due to requirements from the Kentucky Division of Water that OCEA must decommission package treatment plants. In

addition, the lending agencies require that OCEA keep a minimum debt ratio to ensure funds are available for loan repayment.

4. **Operations Report** –The Operations Report was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting for review and presented in the meeting binder. Ed Basquill and Kevin Gibson summarized a recent meeting they had at the site of a drainage issue with the county engineer and others. The Chairman reviewed recent meetings with DOW Enforcement and the Dept. of Corrections.

Next, Ed Basquill reviewed operations for the month of July. Mr. Basquill advised the Board of recent odor complaints and suggested feeding odor control chemicals at the Pebble Point lift station, as well as making the feed at the Willow Creek WWTP permanent which includes a one-time cost for the chemical storage tank at both locations.

A motion was made by Art Henson and seconded by Horace Harrod to approve the expense of \$4,328.63 for odor chemicals and tank at Pebble Point, and \$3,895.86 for odor chemicals and permanent tank at Willow Creek WWTP. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Basquill then reviewed a recent meeting with Mr. Masters who lives near the Harmony Dam. Mr. Masters requested permission from OCEA to make improvements to the retaining wall that OCEA paid to have installed. The Board agreed that improvements to the wall may proceed.

Mr. Basquill went on to review a list of recommended infrastructure rehabilitation projects that have been deferred until funding is available. The list included a preliminary cost estimate for each project so that future funding needs can be met.

Further into the Operations Report, the Board reviewed the limit accounts for expenses incurred through June 30, 2014. Due to the fluctuation in monthly totals, the Board requested more detailed information in the future for items charged to the limit accounts. The Board also requested that Veolia separate capital expenditures for special projects from the limit account items.

Mr. Basquill reviewed a recent situation where digging was required to resolve a back up. The property owner, Mr. Megginson, restored the area disturbed during the repair and would like to be reimbursed \$250.00 for expenses he incurred. The Board directed Ed Basquill to obtain a release from Mr. Megginson and then a reimbursement would be approved.

Mr. Basquill advised the Board that a second estimate was obtained for paving the access drive to the Ohio River WWTP as well as several other locations needing small paving repairs. The second estimate was much higher than the first. In addition, Kevin Gibson mentioned that culverts needed to be installed at both ends of the drive and asked permission to use the stormwater limit account to purchase materials needed for staff to install culverts.

A motion was made by Horace Harrod and seconded by James Griffin to approve paving the Ohio River WWTP access drive in the amount of \$6,860.00 and use stormwater limit account to purchase materials and equipment to install culverts at both ends of the drive. The motion carried unanimously.

- Sewer Rate Increase Resolution – A sewer rate increase was announced on July 19, 2014 in the Courier Journal. The Board provided over 30 days for any comments from the public concerning the increase, but received none.

A motion was made by Horace Harrod and seconded by Art Henson to implement the sewer rate increase to be effective September 1, 2014 as published. The motion carried unanimously.

- Backup Claim Reimbursement Request – Documentation supporting a backup damage claim at 7309 Sideoats Drive was presented for approval after staff verified it was not a duplicate of a previously paid claim.

A motion was made by Horace Harrod and seconded by Art Henson to approve reimbursement of \$3,539.65 to Kentucky Farm Bureau for damages paid to their insured at 7309 Sideoats Drive, and \$250.00 deductible reimbursement to property owner, Emery Wise. The motion carried unanimously.

- Sewer Capacity Fee Policy – Carl Horneman provided the Board with a second draft of a Capacity Fee Policy. The Board reviewed, discussed and agreed that the policy is acceptable.
- Facility Planning Discussion – Jim Hagerty reviewed recent activities concerning construction of the new regional WWTP and requested approval of a task order to assist with easement acquisition and right-of-way use drawings and permits.

A motion was made by Art Henson and seconded by James Griffin to approve Hagerty Consulting's Task Order 11 in the amount of \$14,900.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Gibson spoke to the Board about the need to repair paving in Settlers Point that have sunk after the original paving was done by a contractor on the 1793 force main job.

A motion was made by Art Henson and seconded by James Griffin to approve paving in the Settlers Point/Pheasant Ridge area not to exceed \$5,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Correspondence Review** – All incoming and outgoing correspondence since the last Board meeting was emailed prior to the meeting for review and presented in the meeting binder. There was a request for reimbursement of damages from Bertram, Cox & Miller, LLP, however, they provided no address where damages occurred or other back up documents. Kevin Gibson will work with the requestor to get information needed. Also in the correspondence was a letter from Kaye Huddle concerning sewer prices. The Chairman will respond to Ms. Huddles letter.
6. **Public Comment 2** – There were no comments from the public.

Announcement of Next Meeting Date – The Chairman had a conflict with the next monthly meeting date. The other Board members agreed the meeting should be moved to September 25, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment – *There being no further public business before the Board at this time, Art Henson motioned and James Griffin seconded to adjourn the regular session at 5:37 p.m. and return for Executive Session after a 10-minute break. The motion carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

This session is called pursuant to KRS 61.815 et seq. The closed session concerns exceptions outlined in KRS 61.810(1)(c) allowing for discussion of proposed or pending litigation by a public agency to be conducted in private session.

After Executive Session, the Chairman called the regular meeting back to order at 6:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Art Henson and seconded by James Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea Matz, Veolia Water N.A.