

**Martin County Water District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Presiding: James Kerr, Chairman
Present: Directors: Greg Crum, Nina McCoy, John Hensley
Staff: Brian Cumbo (Attorney), Craig Miller (GM), Tyler Hall, (LM),
Cassandra Moore
Guests: Tony Sneed

The Regular Meeting of the Martin County Water District was held on July 25, 2023, at the Martin County Government Center, at 42 East Main St (2nd Floor), Inez, Kentucky 41224. Mr. Kerr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Kerr called for review of the June 22, 2023, Regular Board Meeting minutes.

- Mr. Hensley motioned to accept the June 22, 2023 minutes
- Mrs. McCoy seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried

Mr. Kerr requested discussion of the review and consideration of the Financial Reports.

- Mr. Miller detailed each report as submitted
- Mr. Crum motioned to approve the Treasurer's report submitted
- Mr. Hensley seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried
- Mr. Miller presented Other Financials
- Mrs. McCoy motioned to approve Other Financials
- Mr. Crum seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried
- Mr. Sneed presented the Board with the 2024 Budget
- Mr. Hensley motioned to approve the 2024 Budget submitted
- Mrs. McCoy seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried
- Mr. Sneed presented the 2024 MOA
- Mr. Hensley motioned to approve the 2024 MOA submitted

- Mr. Crum seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried

Mr. Kerr called for review and consideration to Approve Bills.

- Mr. Crum motioned to approve the List of Bills
- Mr. Hensley seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried

Mr. Kerr asked if there were any legal issues to discuss.

- No legal issues to discuss this meeting

Mr. Kerr called for review of the Operations Report.

- The LIHWAP program started today 07/25/2023. Any customer that needs assistance needs to reach out to the BSACAP office
- The High Service Pump #1 in the water plant has been discussed a little, but never discussed in detail. Mr. Miller explained the VFD for the High Service Pump #1 failed in about May 2018. That pump, which is one of two in the water plant that pumps water to our clear wells, has not operated since then. As of today, it is in operation with the pump going strong all day long. The VFD has been installed and it's pumping. The pump can be run on "hand" setting, but not remotely through SCADA. DEQ plans to implement SCADA controls on the pump and VFD the first week of August
- The District is still utilizing the diesel-powered Raw Water Intake Pump. It has been costly on the fuel side. Spoke with Bell Engineering in regard to the small pump VFD and they believe they have an approval from AML to pay to replace the small VFD
- Received results of the first set of UCMR 5 samples taken in February 2023. All 26 parameters monitored, tested below the EPA's maximum recommended level and were acceptable
- WTP Operator Garrett McKinney passed his Surface Water Treatment II license exam
- Pulled Davella BPS pump 1 motor to be sent for repairs. The following week, the rebuilt pump along with new pump-shaft packing was installed and the pumping schedule to the Airport tank was resumed.
- Three employees were hired to fill open positions within the distribution crew
- Tyler Hall attended a two-day supervisor skills training hosted by Alliance Water Resources

- Nina McCoy stated she had a question. "What's the situation with the big pump for the intake?"
- Mr. Miller advised the situation is that the pump is still at Xylem. We haven't decided if we are going to pay for it. We're still in discussion with legal in regard to how we're going to handle the situation. Whether we're going to pay them to fix it and then deal with the financial side after the fact or if we're going to wait until we follow through with litigation or however it goes.
- Nina asked, "this is the one they dropped?"
- Mr. Miller advised, "this is the first thing that went wrong with it, yes. The second time it just failed for whatever reason."
- Nina asked, "with the small pump you might be able to use AML money?"
- Mr. Miller advised, "it sounds more than likely we will be approved with AML money to pay for the VFD for the small pump replaced."
- Nina McCoy stated, "the AML out of that particular grant?"
- Mr. Miller advised, "he believed so."
- Nina McCoy asked, "what about the thing that's suppose to pull it out of the flood plain?"
- Mr. Miller advised, "Pace contracting has the designs for the cart. There were some design questions in regard to where they were going to put the hitch on one part of it. It's an interesting design and mock-up. I believe they've got through all of that and it's now in construction, or I'm hopeful anyway."
- Nina McCoy stated, "cause you know the thing about it is that the reservoir is, it may be enough that we are getting water but huh that is also a source of fishing. It's a source of, it's a healthy water system if its full and if not it's a problem. So, like, fish and wildlife can't stock it now cause it's low, so that's something we need to think about is the reservoir. My husband's dad was the game warden and that was a big deal for them to have the reservoir. Huh, so that's so yea. And what about the tank maintenance? That was something that was asked about at the Friday meeting. So, are we doing a tank maintenance plan yet?"
- Mr. Miller answered, "we haven't started an actual maintenance plan because the actual maintenance is significantly more expensive than the inspection. So, we have a quote and scope for the repair of the Turkey tank and it's in your CIP plan. That's one that we actually have out that we're seeking funding for."
- Mr. Kerr stated, "actually Craig and I put together something for Senator McCool and he went and presented it this last session. Got some positive feedback. Craig did an excellent job writing it up as far as what we needed and why we needed it. Mr. McCool contacted me and was very positive about we had been told, but he hadn't heard anything about it since then. We put Turkey Tank, meters, Old Rt. 3, and Blacklog. We identified what we felt were the most important."
- Nina McCoy stated, "I guess he explained to you that the state has put some money."
- Mr. Kerr advised, "yes, he's actually going after it and is dealing with the person that directly does the budget for the state. That was the last conversation we had. Craig and I put that together. That was the feed-back we got from this, said they normally don't get something like this so they're going to try to hopefully fund that out of the budget. Fingers crossed so we'll see."

Mr. Miller presented an update of the water loss report.

- Water loss was reported at **62.13%** for the month of June 2023
- We hit a twenty-three-year record low, with water produced at 41,875,000 gallons

Mr. Miller presented the Board with the July Leak Adjustments.

- Mr. Hensley motioned to approve the July Leak Adjustments
- Mrs. McCoy seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried

Mr. Miller presented the Board with the Federal Compliance Reports

- Mr. Miller presented the Board with the 3rd quarter 2023 State and Federal Compliance Reports

Mr. Miller presented an update on the capital projects report.

- Mr. Miller mentioned the project with the clarifier. They believe they will be able to finalize the clarifier this next month. They have a new plan they believe is going to work. They are going to fix the leak in the clarifier as well as tie in the generator. We're working on things on our end so they can get the building at the Raw Water Intake completed and then it's going to be down to getting the cart and the pumps
- The money for the 292 telemetry project that's freed up is ready to go to bid
- The Otto Brown project design is almost complete
- The Warfield line project is designed, and all laid out. It's ready to go to bid as well

Mr. Kerr inquired if there was any Other Old Business to discuss.

Mr. Kerr inquired if there was any Other New Business to discuss.

- Staff presented the Board with a memo for the Martin County Water Treatment Plant Decant Pit-Hydro Vac Truck
- Mr. Kerr read the presented memo, "Due to constant issue with the sludge hauling truck, WTP staff has been unable to remove sludge consistently and efficiently from the WTP decant pit. With rehabilitation of Clarifier 3 pending, it is crucial that excess sludge is removed from the pit to hold the contents of Clarifier 3 when the unit is drained for repairs. Each quote reflects a 10-hour day on site and drive time to and from the water treatment plant. Each vendor is open to quoting an additional day if needed, but it is believed that one day will be sufficient for sludge removal. Request for quotes were sent to and returned by the following: Badger Daylighting with a cost of \$3,744, Southeastern Environmental Services with a cost of \$6,970

and Alderman's with a cost of \$6,000. If the Board agrees, Staff recommends using Badger Daylighting to perform sludge removal from the decant pit.

- Mr. Hensley motioned to approve the quote from Badger Daylighting for a cost of \$3,744
- Mr. Crum seconded
- All ayes
- Motion carried

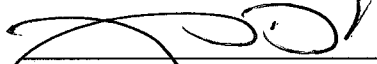
Executive session not required.


Mr. Kerr inquired if there were any guest requesting to speak.

Mr. Kerr requested a motion to adjourn.

- Mr. Hensley motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:38 p.m.
- Mr. Crum seconded
- All ayes
- Motion Carried

Minutes approved this 22nd day of August, 2023.


James Kerr, Chairman


Cassandra Moore, District Clerk