

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the South Richland Conservancy District

February 13, 2013

Fulton County Library, Rochester Branch

Notice of the meeting was provided in the Rochester Sentinel, the library, through a newsletter mailed to property owners, and on the Textron's Torx remediation web-site. In attendance were: Joe Hunting, Chairman; Doug Garvison, Vice-Chairman; Jamie Schiff, Treasurer/Financial Clerk.

The minutes from the December 12, 2012 Board meeting were approved.

Board member Doug Garvison was appointed to a new four year term and took the oath of office. There was no need to hold an election because he was the only individual nominated for the open position by the statutory deadline.

Greg Myroth from AMEC provided an update on the water line project. At this point every property within the district is connected. Within the next couple weeks AMEC will be coming up with a "punch list" of activities that need to be completed to finish the project, which involves principally landscaping that could not be done in the winter months. Reseeding will take place in April. It was noted that in some areas there has been erosion and/or settling. AMEC encouraged the Board and individual property owners to provide them any landscaping issues they have with the water line work so that they don't miss anything.

There was a discussion regarding chlorine levels in the water being provided as some residents noted a chlorine taste or odor. Some residents indicated that the levels seemed higher in the morning. Rich Martin, the water system operator, stated that chlorine level testing had shown it to be within State standards. We have not been adding any chlorine to the water so the chlorine levels are what are being provided by the City of Rochester. AMEC observed from its own review that chlorine levels fluctuated within the City's own system. It was discussed that upcoming water flushing plans could help the situation and that for those used to private wells the chlorine in City water could be quite noticeable because they were not used to it.

Some property owners in the district also reported lower water pressure than they what they had with their well. AMEC explained that the water pressure was generally a function of the elevation of the property. They had to balance that with properties at a lower level elevation. AMEC had taken measures to smooth out the variability in water pressure at individual properties. It was asked whether restrictors could be placed on the properties having higher water pressures. AMEC indicated that they would need to look at each individual property. Those who are experiencing water pressure issues should contact Rich Martin, the system operator.

There was a discussion about the need to obtain identification numbers of individual water meters at each property. We are currently receiving meter reading data but it is of limited use without the individual meter ID numbers.

Monthly coliform sampling is being conducted as required and the results have been negative. There will also need to be lead and copper testing at a handful of homes to meet Department of Environmental Management requirements. Rich Martin will coordinate this effort with the property owners.

Two water bills have been received from the City of Rochester. The first was higher than anticipated due to the large amount of water flushing during the first month. The second month's bill, which was indicative of more normal operational conditions, was more in keeping with cost projections.

Paul Stork from AMEC provided an update regarding groundwater remediation efforts. The pilot test for the reductive/abiotic dechlorination remedy was conducted at the end of last year. The results will be monitored monthly through April by the sampling of monitoring wells. January sampling showed favorable bacteria amounts and oxidation reduction potential. Zero-valent iron injections (ZVI) were assisted by the permeable geology. Trichloroethene levels have decreased and their breakdown products have decreased. ZVI injections on the down-gradient edge of the treatment zones should destroy any breakdown product before they can migrate out of the treatment zone. February monitoring results have not yet been received. The results of the pilot test will be used to optimize the full scale remedy, which is slated to begin in late summer or early fall, with a work plan anticipated to be submitted to DEM by the end of June. AMEC indicated that it was premature to provide a timetable for clean up.

A discussion was had regarding the vapor monitoring wells that exist on certain properties. There are no plans to generally monitor these wells further but their removal /closure would require the approval of DEM, which AMEC can pursue.

The transfer of the water line to the District from Textron was discussed. The transfer is to take place upon completion of the water line per the water line agreement between the District and Textron. There was a discussion regarding whether completion had occurred. It was determined by the Board that completion had not yet occurred as there will be punch list items relating to landscaping and the like and consequently the water line construction contractor had not yet been paid in full. It was decided that this would be put on the Board's next meeting agenda.

A discussion was had regarding the financial report of the District's income and expenses due to the Fulton County Circuit Court by March 15. A draft report has been circulated to the Board prepared by the accounting firm Crowe Horwath. It was decided that any comments of the Board would be communicated to the Financial Clerk/Treasurer who would forward them to Crowe Horwath and the report, with any necessary changes, would be submitted to the Court by the deadline.

The \$2,000,000 Letter of Credit from J.P. Morgan Chase Bank that will assure financial resources for the operation and maintenance of the water system in the event Textron is either unable or unwilling to

perform is ready to be issued. It was decided that when issued it will be held in the Conservancy District's safety deposit box at the Wells Fargo bank branch on Ninth Street. Keys to the safety deposit box will be held by the Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Non-critical documents can be stored at the pump station. Board members will be provided keys to the pump station when the District takes over ownership from Textron.

It was approved that the mailing address of the Conservancy District shall be changed to PO Box 88 Rochester.

The Board is in the process of joining the Association of Indiana Conservancy Districts, which is the trade association for conservancy districts in Indiana.

Rich Martin, the operator of the water system, indicated that he would be taking retirement from his current job in August, but should have additional flexibility in his schedule beginning in June.

The next Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m. It will be held at the Rochester branch of the Fulton County library if meeting space is available.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamieson Schiff", is written over a horizontal line.

Jamieson Schiff, Treasurer/Financial Clerk

