

Minutes of the South Richland Conservancy District's Board of Directors' Meeting

November 18, 2021

ZOOM (On-line) Meeting

In attendance were: Joe Hunting, Chairman; Doug Garvison, Vice-Chairman; Jamie Schiff, Treasurer/Financial Clerk

The minutes from the Board's Meeting in August 2021 were approved.

Rich Martin provided a report on the water line's operation. Daily average water usage for August was 5,771 gal.; for September, 4,769 gal.; and for October 4,230 gal.

Rich sent out post cards for obtaining telephone numbers from system users so that we can communicate to them alerts via text message. About 30% were returned. Users can be notified of such events as flushing of hydrants, the next one of which is anticipated in the Spring.

The thermostat for the back flower preventer has been repaired and a new coupling installed on the booster pump.

Rich has received several locator requests and noted that a leachate collection line planned for a local landfill, while on the opposite side of the road, will have a lot of crossings and hopefully will not disrupt service to the water line.

The electric furnace at the booster station has a heating element burnt out on half the system requiring the other half to work harder. We are awaiting parts for repair. There are two auxiliary heaters in the booster station so there should be enough heat to prevent freezing in the interim. We can also put in a space heater.

Joe Hunting's seat on the Board will be up for reelection in February. Joe intends to run again and has collected the requisite signatures. No other applications have been received yet (deadline is December 1). The notice of the Board vacancy was published in the Rochester Sentinel in the last week of October.

The letter of credit securing Textron's obligations with respect to operation of the water line will adjust for inflation in February. The current amount is \$2,163,000. The Consumer Price Index increase from Oct. 2018-Oct. 2021 has been 9.37%, with the bulk of the increase coming in the last 12 months as inflationary pressures have been mounting. The new amount will be \$2,365,000.

Paul Stork from Wood, LLC gave an update on the groundwater remediation project. The Remediation Completion Report, which is posted on the Torx website, was finalized and submitted to IDEM in September. IDEM is still completing its review (they have an additional 30 days to respond). The report covers the reductive dichlorination project, the groundwater use restrictions put in place, and the vapor mitigation system at the Acument plant. The report recommends supplemental groundwater monitoring. Paul shared the table of contents of the report and figures showing reductions in groundwater concentrations.

It will take some time for the clean groundwater from the treated area to create dissipation of concentration levels downgradient because of the distance and the rate of groundwater flow. The annual groundwater sampling event has taken place with results expected in December.

There was discussion regarding the binding effect of the groundwater restrictions on subsequent owners. It is felt that it is binding because they are recorded in the registry of deeds and Textron and IDEM can enforce them.

The Annual Meeting of the Conservancy District is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, commencing at 5:30 p.m. It will be a Zoom Meeting due to social distancing measures. The remaining meetings for 2022 are as follows: May 19, August 18, and November 17, all at 5:30. As we proceed through the year, we will reassess whether meetings should continue to be by Zoom, which so far has been effective.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Submitted


Jameson Schiff, Treasurer/Financial Clerk