

Minutes of South Richland Conservancy Board of Directors

September 12, 2012

Fulton County Library, Rochester Branch

Notice of the meeting was posted in the library and on 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 June 13, 2012 Board meeting were approved. It was discussed that going forward draft Board minutes will be posted on the Torx Remediation web-site with the caveat that they are in draft and subject to Board approval.

There was a discussion regarding the Torx Remediation Web-Site and the posting of reports and progress updates there as a source of information for area residents.

Greg Myroth from AMEC provided an update on the water line project. Installation of the main line along Old US 31 has progressed quickly. The main line along Old US 31 should be completed this month. Individual service connections could each take a day. Delivery of the booster station is anticipated at the end of November. The station is largely delivered intact with several days of work to connect it to the service line. An end of the year completion for the water line project is still anticipated. Because the line will still need to be pressure tested only temporary repair is being done to driveways at this time. Full repair to driveways and reseeding of landscaped areas damaged will take place this fall. It is anticipated that some areas will need to be reseeded in the spring.

Representatives of AMEC and H&G Underground Utilities, the construction contractor, will be meeting with property owners shortly to confirm the details of individual connections. Directional drilling will be used which will minimize damage to yards. Open excavation areas will be limited generally to the area near the main and near the home unless the line into the property needs to take turns. The contractor will need to confirm the location of property septic systems to avoid them during construction. Like materials will be used at each property consistent with the type of piping presently there, i.e., PVC, copper, etc. Each property will have a shut off valve. A licensed plumber will certify that there is no cross connection between the water line connection and the property well.

There was a discussion regarding some residents and businesses south of the conservancy district as to their desire to connect to the water line. It was discussed that this is not feasible because the district has a set geographic area that would need to go through extensive regulatory approval to be expanded; that the district lacks a rate structure to cover properties for which Textron would not pay for the water; and that the capacity of the water main is designed to serve the existing geographical area of the district.

There was discussion regarding whether a property owner in the district can decide after receiving public water that they would prefer to use their well for potable purposes. It was discussed that the system design is based on all properties in the district using the public water so if users dropped out that would affect the providing of water to other users. It was also discussed that the Environmental Restrictive Covenant would prohibit use of a well for potable uses just as ordinances typically prevent use of wells for potable purposes when public water is available.

It was discussed that there a couple properties in the district whose ownership is presently unclear. Textron intends to connect these properties and would like to contact whoever is the current owner in order to coordinate the connection.

The water line will be pressured tested and chlorinated before it goes into service. AMEC has performed modeling of the system to make sure that each property will have adequate water pressure. PSI will average 45 to 80 with expansion tanks available to relieve pressure when necessary.

Greg Myroth introduced Richard Martin, who AMEC recommends to serve as the water system's operator once the water line is completed. Greg described the process for seeking requests for proposals for a system operator. The criteria included being an operator licensed by the Department of Environmental Management and within a distance of 45 minutes to the area. Information regarding the qualifications of the operator is posted on the Torx Remediation Project web-site. Three responses were received to the request for proposals and were evaluated on various criteria including experience.

Richard has worked for the town of Bremen for 34 years, the last 28 in the water department, where he now holds the position of Superintendent. He is retiring early next year from that position. He would need to juggle both jobs until that time but would make sure that the conservancy district operation received the necessary attention. He also has lined up two certified water system operators in order to assist if he is temporarily unavailable. Richard intends to meet with each property owner individually. Richard will provide his cell phone number to property owners so that they have his contact information. This number will also be provided to local police in case of an emergency. Richard said that he should normally be able to get to the area from his home upon about 30 minute notice. The booster station contains a wireless network that allows for remote monitoring. He expects to be on-site for at least two hours a day, five days a week.

An update was provided regarding groundwater remediation. The work plan to pilot test the reductive de-chlorination remedy was recently approved by the Department of Environmental Management. Filed work on the pilot is anticipated to commence within the next 30 days. Field work on the pilot should be completed this fall followed with groundwater monitoring to review results over the winter and early spring. Full scale remedy implementation is expected to commence in 2013. An update on the field work will be provided at the next Board meeting.

There was discussion regarding the Board's 2013 annual meeting, a primary purpose of which is the election of a Director to fill the expiring term of Doug Garvison. The annual meeting date was set for Wednesday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m. It will be held at the library, space permitting.

There was discussion regarding compensation of Board Directors according to the Conservancy District Act and the Court order establishing the district.

There was a discussion regarding the Letter of Credit that Textron needs to provide to financially assure the operation of the water line. An update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

The next Conservancy District Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 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



Jamieson Schiff, Treasurer/Financial Clerk

