

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
OUTLYING SEWER GROUP
HELD ON JULY 20, 2017**

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Chuck Hornung at the Fond du Lac Regional Wastewater Treatment & Resource Recovery Facility. The attendance sheet is attached for reference. Chairperson Hornung confirmed open meeting notice and declared a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Motion and second to approve the September 15, 2016 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**CITY PRESENTATION
ON PHOSPHORUS
COMPLIANCE
OPTIONS**

City staff distributed copies of a summary of the phosphorus compliance options for 0.04 mg/L water quality based effluent limit. City staff also distributed a copy of the 2018-2022 CIP WTRRF Summary. The documents are attached for reference. There followed a presentation consisting of an overview of the Facility and a detailed presentation concerning the phosphorus compliance options. Among the items presented were the following:

- The City has applied for the MDV. If granted it would provide for a phosphorus limit of 0.2 mg/L. This, in turn, would mean a penalty payment of \$50/pound of phosphorus to the County or other third parties with an annual cap of \$640,000. In the meantime, under the MDV the City would need to meet interim limits over the next WPDES permit terms. The MDV variance would be good for 10 years, but will likely expire in the middle of one of the permit terms.
- The City is actively exploring phosphorus process optimization, including advanced treatment pilot programs, watershed adaptive management and water quality trading. These options will provide partnership opportunities between the City and the OSG.
- The DNR's determination of the City's TMDL remains under consideration. The City is contesting the model and the role of legacy phosphorus. It is expected that the DNR will issue a preliminary TMDL allowance this Fall with a final determination sometime Spring 2018.

- Various members of the OSG expressed concern that the City may have already decided to proceed with the tertiary filtration option, which is listed as \$20,000,000 in the 2018-2022 CIP Summary. The City representatives assured the OSG that this decision has not yet been made and that all options are being actively considered. The OSG requested that the 2018-2022 CIP Budget be annotated or footnoted confirming that the \$20,000,000 entry in year 2021 is a “worst case” scenario and that more efficient, less expensive options are being actively considered. The City representatives agreed to make this annotation.
- Attached for reference is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

Because of the unresolved issues described above, the next meeting of the OSG membership will likely occur in Spring or Summer 2018 as opposed to Fall 2018. The OSG Executive Committee will call a special meeting as necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

No other business coming before the OSG, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. St. Peter, Recording Secretary