

TECHNICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Minutes - Monthly Meeting
WTRRF Conference Room - 700 Doty Street
Tuesday 1:30 PM, August 18, 2020

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Roll Call – Present were Jordan Skiff, Paul DeVries, Cody Schoepke, Ben Propson, Nick Leonard, Mitch Vis and Eric Otte.

Approval of July Minutes– A motion was made by Nick Leonard and seconded by Cody Schoepke to approve the July 2020 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Communication Session

Reports on:

- **Correspondence Relating to the Regional Wastewater System**

- **LaClare Family Creamery**

- ◇Cody said progress is being made and better results are being observed. There are still occasional spikes of FOG at LaClare. LaClare is still working with Probst and doing sampling on their own and sharing their results with WTRRF. WTRRF will continue to sample LaClare to ensure that they stay within their limits. The first six months of 2020 LaClare was in violation for FOG. Cody said there is clear communication between WTRRF and LaClare. They are still adding the catalyst and working on dosing.

- ◇Eric reported that Calumet, their legal representative and Gary Watry, met with LaClare and their legal representative but still do not agree on the amount of the arrearage. Calumet calculates the arrearage at \$136,000. Eric said that LaClare has a \$100,000 in escrow with Calumet to help cover the arrearage. LaClare calculates that Calumet owes them \$36,000.

- **Correspondence Relating to the Regional Wastewater System**

- ◇Nick reviewed the OSG flow data relative to the MDV with Mary Jo Krause (John St. Peter's office) and emailed that data to Cody today.

- ◇Cody said Bob Depies requested data from Cody to address H2S issues. Cody provided him with the data requested.

- **Records Exchange – Update of Contact List**

- ◇None

- **Sewer or System Improvements Anticipated, in Progress or Completed (Extensions or Rehabilitations)**

- ◇Paul reported that the contractor has completed all of the work in 11th St. The underground work in Division St. will start tomorrow. Eastern Ridge is a new subdivision going in off Lynn Avenue, southwest of Highway K & Highway 23.

- ◇Nick reported that Tenor Construction will begin work next week on Bechaud Avenue in North Fond du Lac.

- ◇Eric reported that the force main improvements are complete for Calumet Lift Station #1.

- ◇Ben reported that August Winter & Sons will be working the evening of August 20, 2020 to make a repair to the TCI lift station. The work is being completed at night when flows are the lowest.

- **FP or RSAP Amendments Anticipated, in Progress or Completed**

- ◇None

- **Metering and Sampling**

- ◇Nick confirmed that the North Fond du Lac tank was not used for any of the three day rain events in mid-July 2020.

- ◇Cody said the flume size in the North Fond du Lac metering pit needs to be increased and a new flow meter installed. Nick would like to meet with Mulcahy Shaw when they are at WTRRF next to discuss the new flow meter.

- ◇Cody said there is no benefit to installing a flume insert at Johnsburg. The new VEGA flow meter will be capable of capturing the lower flows.

- ◇Cody informed the group that there have been several occasions where the locks have been cut and removed from various hatch sites. This is likely being done by a maintenance person for that district or a contractor working for that district. Cody stressed that this is a safety issue, since many of these are located along roadways and are easily accessible. Cody will bring this issue up at the OSG annual meeting. Eric said he will relay this information to Mary Jo Krause and she can forward the information to all of the sanitary districts. This only applies to the locations where WTRRF personnel have to make entries into these sites.

- **Clearwater Reduction Fund Status and Party Activity**

- ◇None

- **Receive Sewer Project Closeout Records and Shared Sewer Cost Calculations**

- ◇None

- **Distribute Updates to Regional Sewer Design and Construction Standards and TGM Revisions**

- ◇None.

- **Review Prior Activity**

- ◇None

Technical Session – Consent Agenda

Review as needed:

- **Review and evaluate new products and technology for incorporation into the standard specifications.**
- **Monitor the assessment, accumulation and use of the Clearwater Reduction Funds**
- **Maintain procedures and protocol for compliance with the Agreement**
- **Review and recommend proposed changes, revisions, clarifications, and amendments to the Parties regarding the Agreement and the TGM**
- **Consider and decide requests for specification waivers**
- **Prepare appropriate specification amendments**
- **Review shared sewer cost calculations for compliance with TGM procedures Conduct review of proposed revisions to the 2000 RSAP to identify potential regional impacts**

Additional Items

- **WTRRF Operations Update**

- ◇Aeration Basin #2 was modified to improve biological phosphorus removal. Additional baffling was installed to lessen washout to the anoxic zone, and the wall height was increased. These modifications match those already made to Aeration Basin #3. Aeration Basin #1 will also be modified later this fall to match basins #2 and #3. WTRRF maintenance personnel completed all of this work.

- ◇Cody reported the Mark Stanek, WDNR, was at the plant two weeks ago to perform an annual inspection. Mark was pleased with the changes that have been made to the operations of the plant. The Facility Master Plan was discussed. Mark mentioned that some

of the OSG's are not submitting their CMAR's by the deadline. Eric Otte said that the CMAR's are normally due June 30 but this year the deadline was extended to August 31. Eric did say that he encountered difficulty accessing the E-CMAR system. Nick and Eric will remind the sanitary districts to complete and submit their CMAR on time.

◇WTRRF was awarded the Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA) 2020 Operations Award for the State of Wisconsin.

- **Clearwater Reduction Fund - Continued Discussion from December 2019 Meeting**

This item will remain on the agenda for the September meeting.

◇Jordan suggested scheduling another meeting between now and the September TSC meeting and will coordinate a date and time with TSC members.

◇Nick suggested that specific items be placed on the agenda, versus a general discussion, and all members agreed with this plan.

- **R.A. Smith – Facilitator for Allocations**

◇Paul reported that the scope of the work is almost complete. The proposed upgrade to the Luco Road sanitary station is being factored into the scope and will take additional time to complete. Paul will ask R.A. Smith to complete the scope of work before the September 2020 TSC meeting. Jordan suggested that a date be established for the completion of the allocation. All TSC members agreed. Paul will email Jeff Mazanec with this request.

Adjournment

◇A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Leonard and seconded by Eric Otte. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020.