

Seneca County Water District #1
Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Meeting began at 7: 56 a.m.

Present: David Dresser Jack Holley Robert Hayssen
 Angel Lawrence David Kaiser Dan Duddleston
 David Dresser Terry Potts

Absent: Ed Barto
 James Gabriel
 David Terry, Jr.

Guest(s): Jim Bromka

Approval of February Minutes:

Motioned: Terry Potts
Seconded: David Dresser
Carried Unanimously

Correspondences:

- I. O'Brien & Gere Reports
 - a. Water Treatment Plant & Raw Water Transmission Facilities – Letter Requesting Information
 - b. USDA Rural Development – Pre-Eligibility Determination Request for Financial Assistance
 - c. Existing Supply System Limitations
 - d. Preliminary Engineering Report Water Treatment Plant

Dave explained the above information was to apply for the USDA Rural Development Grant/Loan application. The district has hired O'Brien & Gere to prepare and submit our grant application. The supply system limitations report was completed by O'Brien & Gere and provided to the board. The district is concerned about the size of the line and how much water can come through these lines without going beyond its limitations. Gary Westfall was concerned about the filter plant statement in the rural development application. Dave explained the reason for that information in the report is that someday we would indeed open the intakes as more comes into the depot and surpasses the amount Waterloo can supply. Dave explained to Gary that opening a filtration plant would still require approval from the Seneca County Board of Supervisors. The report discusses the flow rates and estimated residuals and their concerns that may incur with the increase of draw and its effect on the flows. As part of the depot long-term capabilities the county is working on projections of needs for the depot and its needs. We also asked them to do a report on costs and how it affects the Village of Waterloo if the intakes were opened. The water comes to the district at a cost of \$3.09 per thousand gallons. The Bernie Donegan report indicates they estimate the Waterloo plant costs are 1.49 per thousand gallons to make this water. The Willard Drug Treatment actual costs are \$1.53 per thousand. Waterloo has many more users to spread the costs over. When average the districts user rates it comes to \$5.22, which is an increase of 2.13 per thousand to cover our costs of maintenance, pumping, chlorination, etc... When figuring Waterloo's markup: their residents pay \$4.22 per thousand gallons, which is a markup of \$2.73 per thousand gallons. This should be less of a markup to their residents as they have more to spread the costs out over vs. the districts less population and many more miles of water lines to maintain, but yet we have less of a markup. If the district were allowed to open the intakes and provide our residents with water from the intakes, it would be a

substantial savings to our users. Dave feels that if we were allowed to open the lines it should not increase the rates to the Village of Waterloo residents and certainly the residents of the Seneca County Water District should not be subsidizing the costs of water to the Village of Waterloo users. The County should consider a countywide or water authority so that all users pay the same amount. As Dave pointed out if indeed there is a non-profit in water than none of the entities should have a problem with turning their plants over to a water authority as there is no financial loss.

II. Seneca BioEnergy, LLC Easement Request

We have been working with Mike Pallumbo to provide them with an easement for Seneca BioEnergy to have access to their property and in exchange we are working on trying to obtain more than 10 feet around the buildings the county and we presently use. There is a section of land around building 146 that the County Highway and the County Water district would like to expand these 10 feet. Mike Karlsen is working on a survey for these two areas and we are working on a land swamp with the frog pond area. The agreement allows them temporary access for them to do construction work.

III. S.C. Water District #1 Application for Water Hookup #1-08
Water hookup application provided for review.

Water Maintainer's Report:

Located a large leak in the Q-area, fixed this and helped our loss by approximately 30,000 gallons per day. Working with Hay Processing Company to move fire hydrants, are we supposed to bill them for labor? It has always been practice that when a new company comes in they should pay for the costs and it should not be an expense of the users as it does not benefit the user. Therefore, we should be sending a bill to them for any work or materials because this would be beyond the normal expenses of a user.

District Counsel Report:

Excused from meeting.

Financial Report:

Financial reports supplied for review

Administrative Report:

DEC is working with FLTG about their wells for water use. Jason McCormick is working with them on this.

Verification of Payables:

Motioned by: David Dresser

Seconded by: Terry Potts

Carried Unanimously

Resolutions:

#19-08 Authorize Hookup #1-08

Motioned by: David Dresser

Seconded by: Terry Potts

Carried Unanimously

The next board meeting will be held at the Romulus Town Hall in Willard on April 23, 2008 @ 7:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 8:35 a.m.

Motioned by: David Dresser

Seconded by: Terry Potts

Carried Unanimously

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Angel J. Lawrence, Board Clerk
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