

**WEIRTON AREA WATER BOARD
REGULAR SESSION- 2024 AGENDA**

March 14, 2024

A regular session of the Weirton Area Water Board was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, in Room 201 of the City Building, by Ron Jones, Chairman.

Members in attendance were Ron Jones; Don Gianni, Jr.; Jim Shockley; and Flora Perrone (ex-officio).

WAWB Staff present were Butch Mastrantoni; Jasen Havens; Lori Veltri; Brent Reckner; Brandon Gelder; Brian Kuntz; Jeff Bertha; Chuck Tenaglio; and Dan Guida.

Also attending were Jesse Alden of Thrasher Engineering; Ben Erste of the BHJ; and Craig Howell of the Weirton Daily Times.

MINUTES

Mr. Gianni made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024, Board meeting. Mr. Shockley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Mr. Mastrantoni asked Mr. Jones if the agenda could be amended to add some late-breaking items. Mr. Jones asked for a motion to add Resolutions #238, #239, and #240 to the agenda under New Business. Mr. Gianni made a motion that the three items be added to the agenda under New Business. Mr. Shockley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Report – Mr. Shockley asked if the check valve and flanges were completed on Pump #1 at Rice Boulevard. Mr. Bertha replied that the valve is in, but they are waiting on Total Equipment to make the flanges. With no further discussion, the report was approved as submitted.

Finance Report: Mr. Kuntz reviewed the finance report, which was included in the Board packet. Mr. Shockley made a motion to reimburse the General Fund for our shared expense in the amount of \$3,666.00 for the month of March 2024. Mr. Gianni seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gianni made a motion to reimburse the General Fund for our shared expense for the February 2024 Smart Bill in the amount of \$2,754.44. Mr. Shockley seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gianni commented that expenses went up last month and this month. Mr. Kuntz replied that this month there were a couple of big items we had to pay for like the computers for the GIS system. He stated we are still floating pretty good.

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Delinquent Report: Mr. Reckner gave the delinquent report. The shut off date for the January 2024 bill run was March 6, 2024. The 30-day cycle ends on April 5, 2024. Total accounts to be collected or terminated on or after the March 6, 2024, shut off date were 1,121. Of this number, 215 were more than one bill past due, 60 have paid in full, 16 made partial payments and still have an outstanding past due balance, 41 have been shut off, 34 received time extensions and will be collected in regular procedure should they fail to pay as agreed, 18 customers received pledges, and 11 customers are under multi-payment contracts. Eight hundred twenty-six bills are past due.

Citizens Comments and Communications: Mr. Mastrantoni reported that last month, the Board was requested to be addressed by Danielle Sposito. He stated that the service has been completed, inspected, and is waiting to be turned on.

Utility Director Communications: Mr. Mastrantoni had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the WTP Expansion Project – Mr. Alden reported that the project is out for bid again. The advertisement went out earlier this month, and there is a pre-bid meeting scheduled for March 26 at 11:00 a.m. The bid opening is scheduled for April 10 at 11:00 a.m. As they move forward, they will be addressing contractor questions and issuing addenda as necessary.

Mr. Erste stated that he had nothing to report. He will have more updates after the bid opening.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution #237 – To Authorize the Utilities Director to Secure Thrasher Engineering to Update the Kentucky Pipeline Hydraulic Program** –Mr. Mastrantoni stated that we have the entire distribution system simulated on a Kentucky Pipe program that Thrasher has been the custodian of for greater than ten

years. It has proven quite valuable when making decisions about extending services with regard to the distribution system. Recently Thrasher did some maintenance work and updating, and the result is the attached invoice. Mr. Shockley made a motion to approve Resolution #237. Mr. Gianni seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Next Meeting Date** – April 11, 2024

3. **Resolution #238 – To Renew Yearly West Virginia National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Fee to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection** – Mr. Havens reported that this is the yearly NPDES permit charge to the DEP that allows us to discharge into the Ohio River. It is a yearly fee, and it is the same price as it was last year. Mr. Gianni made a motion to approve Resolution#238. Mr. Shockley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Resolution #239 – To Replace Two Shell Manways and Install 30” Manways with Davit Slides and Install a Safety Climb on the Tower Access Ladder at East End Tank and Resolution #240 – To Install Two Manway Door Gaskets and Rent a 120’ Straight Boom Lift** – Mr. Havens reported that we are presenting two different resolutions to repair a problem two different ways. He included pictures of the East End tank. There are two manway doors up there. It is his understanding that whenever the weather gets cold, ice forms in there and it moves up and down with the water level. The two man doors have sealed gaskets. In 2019, they had to replace those gaskets because the ice messed up the integrity of the gasket, and water started coming out of the holes. It just happened again. In Resolution #239, the bottom photo shows what would be fabricated by Pittsburgh Tank and Tower to try to make more of a permanent repair on those manway doors. In conjunction with that, the safety harness that you attach to that goes to the top needs replaced as well. Their bid is to fabricate those two units and fix the rope for an amount not to exceed \$24,425.00. Resolution #240 is for Total Equipment to rent a boom lift to get them up to the catwalk and just replace the gaskets. Right now we are just filling that tank about halfway because if you go above the gasket, you can watch Niagara Falls come out of the tank. It’s something that we need to get fixed quickly so that we can get the tank level up where it needs to be. It’s up to the Board whether they want to go with the cheaper option or the one that is more permanent. As far as something more expensive being done at a later date, Mr. Kuntz created the tank painting schedule, and East End is not scheduled to be touched until 2039.

Resolution #239 comes with a one-year workmanship warranty. Mr. Mastrantoni stated that if we were painting the tank this year, we would require that the bid contain the bolted-on hatchway and the repair to the manway. You are making the repairs in advance of the scheduled painting cycle, but if you choose to do it now you

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don't have to do it down the road as a part of that painting cycle. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Havens if we should just do everything now for \$25,000.00. Mr. Havens said that would be his suggestion. Mr. Jones agreed. Mr. Jones made a motion to go with Resolution #239. Mr. Shockley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

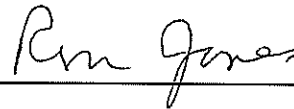
Mr. Havens reported that it wasn't on the agenda, but they are having a pre-construction meeting with James White at 2:00 p.m. today regarding the 2" galvanized line replacement program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before this March 14, 2024, Regular Session of the Weirton Area Water Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gianni and seconded by Mr. Shockley. The next Regular Session of the Weirton Area Water Board was set for April 11, 2024.



Ron Jones, Chairman