

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2004 AT 5:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL. MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bob Clary, Commissioner Carl Kilgus, and Commissioner Dr. Marion Dwight. MANAGER: Bruce Ellis. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITORS: Cindy Nichols, Gene Searson, Lisa Stokes, and Will Martin.

Chairman Clary called the meeting to order and Clerk Watson gave the invocation.

Commissioner Dwight made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2004 meeting as received. Commissioner Kilgus made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the discussion of the Income and Expense Statements, Commissioner Dwight informed the Commissioners that he had noticed that revenues were up for the month.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that there was usually a two month delay from the collecting of revenues until the utilities purchased for resale have been paid.

Under Manager's Report.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that ongoing projects were still moving forward. He told the Commissioners that a \$55,000.00 grant had been received to purchase equipment such as flow meters, manuals and hoists in order to add chlorine to the water system.

Manager Ellis and Mr. Martin presented a slide presentation to the Commissioners showing the various wastewater plant upgrades.

Manager Ellis explained that the sludge removal cost \$373,000.00 which was paid for with grant funds. He said the wastewater plant expansion which included a new basin, a contact chamber, a pumping station, and an addition to the spray field cost 2.2 million dollars which was also paid for with grant funds.

Commissioner Dwight asked about the life of the pumps at the wastewater plant.

Manager Ellis explained that the pumps lasted on average for about twelve years.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the pump station past Phoenix was also put in utilizing Tobacco Grant funds. He told the Commissioners that Phoenix was now considering tying into the BPW wastewater system which could help them expand.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that most of the sludge removed from the lagoons contained latex that came from Rockland. He explained that Rockland paid their fair share for wastewater discharge to the BPW plant. He explained that the new Rockland pretreatment plant should reduce the latex sludge that has been going into the lagoons.

Commissioner Kilgus asked how large the pits were in the grit chamber.

Manager Ellis explained that the pits were sixty feet by sixty feet by thirteen feet.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the new upgrade would allow the BPW to receive four million gallons of wastewater per day but that the BPW was still only permitted to discharge one million gallons of treated wastewater per day.

Commissioner Kilgus asked if Denmark could be put on line and then billed for the treatment of their wastewater.

Manager Ellis said that Denmark's wastewater could be treated at the BPW plant but he reminded the Commissioners that he and Senator Mathews were run out of a meeting in Denmark when they suggested the idea.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that they were about to complete most of the ongoing projects.

Commissioner Dwight said he felt the citizens should be made aware of the upgrades to the BPW system.

Manager Ellis reminded the Commissioners that the BPW had the only treated water system in Bamberg County.

Commissioner Kilgus informed the Commissioners that he had received many good comments on the BPW's handling of the ice storm.

There were no announcements.

During questions from the press and audience, Lisa Stokes asked if a handout was available detailing the grant expenditures.

Manager Ellis explained that a detail of the expenditures could be put together within a few days.

Commissioner Dwight informed the Commissioners that he had seen an article on the front page of the State Newspaper that said the state was now considering pooling their resources in order to begin helping rural counties.

Commissioner Clary said he had seen proposed legislation that would help the rural counties instead of sending all the tax monies to Charleston.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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Clerk

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Chairman-BPW

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