

READINGTON-LEBANON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

September 26, 2012

OPENING: Chairman Schaible opened this regular meeting and announced that the Sunshine laws have been satisfied for the convening of this meeting.

PRESENT: Dr. Schaible, Messrs. Burton, Monaco, Cichone, Dr. Westfield and Ms. Rohrbach members. Mr. McCray, administrator did not attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 22, 2012 as written, was carried with roll call of ayes all, nays none.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES: Motion to approve the invoices for the month of September for the amount of \$99,018.30 along with the authorization for the Trustee to transfer this amount into the Operating Checking account on October 1, 2012 was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Cichone, and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none. By same motion made by Mr. Burton, the approval and authorization for (1) invoice totaling \$24,700.00 to be paid from the General Fund account also on this date. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cichone and carried with roll call of ayes all, nays none.

NEW BUSINESS: *Amendment to the Hunterdon County Water Quality Management Plan* – Dr. Schaible informed the board that the Authority’s consent to the “Future Wastewater Service Area Map” was needed by the Hunterdon County Planning Board. Consent to any change to the WQM Plan is a requirement of the NJDEP. Motion to approve the amendment to the Hunterdon County WQM Plan was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Dr. Westfield, and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays, none.

Rotor Failure – Dr. Schaible stated that the Authority had a catastrophic equipment failure. The bearings of the rotor in the oxidation ditch seized causing the shaft to shear.

The rotor was totaled. Two temporary portable aerator/mixers were borrowed from Stony Brook Sewerage Authority to keep the process from being compromised. The majority of the cost to replace the rotor should be covered under insurance. Invoices will continue to come in with a total anticipated cost of \$50,000.00. The insurance adjuster has strongly recommended that we should have replacement parts in inventory for the second rotor that did not fail. The rotors are twelve years old. Mr. Cichone questioned whether the rotors from the second oxidation ditch that is not in use had any parts that could be used. Dr. Schaible noted that NJDEP has been informed of the equipment failure but according to Mr. McCray the process was coming back to normal. Mr. Monaco inquired if we were still operating under a temporary fix. Mrs. Weierich replied that the new rotor is now in place and operational. One sample parameter for ammonia has been exceeded but Mrs. Plesnarski, principal operator is hopeful that the monthly limit will not be exceeded. Dr. Schaible stated that the portable aerators borrowed from SBRSA saved the process. Mr. Cichone asked if it would be advisable to have a diversion to the second oxidation ditch in the future. Dr. Schaible responded that we are in process of considering relining or resealing that ditch for future use. Dr. Westfield noted that as flows increase we may need the second oxidation ditch to accommodate increased flows.

Copper Study – Mrs. Weierich updated the board on the status of the Copper Study. Half of the samples needed for the study by Omni Environmental have been taken. On the basis of samples taken, Mr. Cosgrove anticipates that RLSA will be able to have the copper limit removed. Mrs. Weierich noted that this is good news and appears to be money well spent.

Budget Committee – Dr. Schaible suggested the committee meet during the week of October 8th and introduce the 2013 budget at the next regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned by motion made by Mr. Burton seconded by Dr. Westfield and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

Respectfully submitted:

Charles Westfield
Secretary/Treasurer

Virginia Weierich
Recording Secretary