

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2024, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Authority Members Present:

Marc Decker
Clay Browning
Alisha Beck
Bradley Smith
RaShonda Croskey (Absent)
Tony Whidden (Absent)
Jerry (Gator) Sapp
Tim Stanley
Hattie Taylor

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
June Fisher, County Manager
Al Brown, Operator

ROLL CALL: Given By Browning.

ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Vanassche and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Beck.

ITEM 2: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

None.

ITEM 3: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

OCTOBER 28, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: By Beck to approve October 28, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CHANGING OR CANCELLING THE DECEMBER 23RD MEETING:

MOTION: By Decker to cancel the December 23rd meeting, seconded by Beck.
Motion Carried.

ITEM 5: AL BROWN TO GIVE REPORT:

Brown states over the weekend one of the air compressors went down at the Wastewater Plant. We are down to one compressor running out of four, I am asking if we can purchase 1-2 more air compressors, but we need four as well as Raz pumps that take the sludge from the membrane and back to the head of the plant. I need those pumps to be replaced or repaired.

Ramunni states what is the cost of the compressors

Brown states I have not got any prices yet, but I estimate about 3k a piece.

Beck states are the other ones being rebuilt.

Brown states they are broken.

Browning states can they go to a shop to be repaired.

Brown states they probably can there is a company called Compressed Air that works on them. They knew there were two that were bad, and we were on a jumper hose on Phase one and jumping them over to Phase 2 to be able to operate.

Tibbs states that as long as the individual price is under 5k we do have the authority to proceed.

Simmons states with the chemicals used at the Plant does take a toll on the pumps so they do not last long.

Browning states how long does it take to receive the compressor.

Simmons states possible a couple of days.

Beck states we need to order all four and have the Plant operating properly.

Tibbs states we get the approval to order three compressors if it is okay we will get them ordered separately.

MOTION: By Stanley to purchase three air compressors for the Wastewater Plant, seconded by Beck.

Motion Carried.

ITEM 6: CRAIG A. SMITH TO GIVE REPORT:

Miller states I spoke to the contractor they finally got the last run from the existing wet well to the master manhole completed. They have started pulling the trench boxes and pumps. They are back filling the trench today. Once they get everything filled in, they will start working around the lift station. I believe we can get the road open back up by the end of next week. the electrical sub has been working with Glades Electric with getting the documents together to get the power for the lift station. The thing we have left to complete is the pressure test from the river over to the lift station and get the electricity at the lift station completed.

Tibbs states what is the target date is on it now?

Miller states it is hard to give date now because the electrical sub and Glades Electric are working out the details of the paperwork and documents that the electrical engineer is requesting.

Browning states when were they supposed to be completed?

Miller states October 31st but it was a difficult task. Another thing to keep in mind is they did help us out with two lift stations.

Browning states are we fining them or the State?

Ramunni states they would be in violation under the contract, and they would be in subject to liquidate any damages. When it's all done, we can see how over the deadline they are and decide on what direction we would want to go. **Tibbs** have you looked at the Contract, do we need to put them on notice? Because that would be my next step.

Miller states, with the last change order we placed with them, was basically giving them an extension but they would be responsible for damages. So, they know.

Ramunni states what was the extension to?

Miller states to October 31st.

Ramunni states they need to be put on notice, it's not like you're necessarily going to come back and sanction them. but I do think they should be put on notice and see how long they take and go from there. Can someone email me the contract so I can look over it.

ITEM 7: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO GIVE REPORT:

Vanassche states the delegation hearing has been rescheduled to January 8th, 2025; we do not know the exact time at the moment. I will be in Tallahassee December 2nd for the first committee week with the House and the following week is Senits committee week and I will be there for that. I will be sure the delegation package documentation for the City and County is on time, they have not announced the deadline on that yet. No grant announcements have been made yet from DEP.

ITEM 8: CITY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

Tibbs states one of the items that is going for the legislative session was the upgrades to the Waste water treatment plant, the original estimate was about \$5.4 Million we are requesting to renovate the waste water treatment plant, how ever C.A.S has had some people come out and evaluate the plant and the current membranes have been in there since 2008 and are not operating at 100% due to the age, its also operating on manual mode instead of automatic. Also, a third party came out and looked at the plant to see what needs to be repaired or upgraded prior to if we get the funding for the third train. That amount is about \$1.7 Million, so we will add that into the grant request for the actual overall total improvements.

ITEM 9: COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

None.

ITEM 10: STEVE RAMUNNI TO GIVE REPORT:

None.

ITEM 11: CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Citizen David Bartlett states I have property damage behind my house in Sportsman's Village from the work going on back there, so I was wondering who is going to cover the cost. I have been down here for 30 days, and the water has been flowing for the past 3 weeks behind my house and all the way up over my retaining wall, 3 ft of the pavers in the back have collapsed.

Ramunni states I would report it to Miller to make note of this and report it back to the contractor, the contractor has insurance, so they are going to have to investigate.

Miller states I spoke with the contractor today, they just finished a difficult job, so starting today they will start doing the restorations. It is the contractor's obligation to do any repairs that were done.

Citizen Tony Ashby states something should have been done prior to the construction, where there should have been a document showing who was responsible for any damage. If there were to be a train on the track and someone needed an ambulance there would be no way to get in. addition to that someone erected a fence at the right angle to our property line fence and moved six of are storage units that six people from their own.

Browning states do you know who erected the fence?

Citizen Tony Ashby states yes, the contractor.

Miller states we put the fence back where it was. We do stay in the County ride away; we will not go on to private property.

Citizen Tony Ashby states okay I just wanted to make sure everyone gets back to the way they were before.

ITEM 12: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS SUBMITTED LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,955.76:

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills submitted list in the amount of \$99,955.76 seconded by Taylor.

Motion carried.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Beck to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stanley.

Motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

Tony Whidden, Vice Chairman

November 25, 2024, Regular Meeting CCPWA