

Washington Township Authority  
November 14, 2023

Call to Order: Chairman, Scott Klouser called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with a pledge of allegiance and roll call. Present were Chairman Scott Klouser, Vice Chairman, Matt Boyer, Secretary, Doris (Dory) Kauffman, Treasurer, John Burget. Operator, Neal Harris was also in attendance.

Public comments. None

Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Authority meeting were approved by a motion of Matt Boyer and a second by John Burget.

Operator's Report: Operator Neal Harris reported for the month of October, as follows: All permit requirements were met, there were no reported malodors, and the surface aerators are running 24/7. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter well testing is also complete.

There has been an unexpected increase in the sludge blanket depth in the facultative lagoons since last checked in July. Immediate action is required in order to reduce the blanket and to protect the wetlands cells from solids carryover.

Kline's Septic has agreed to do an emergency pumping similar to what was done in 2020. A sample has been taken for testing for disposal. A quote for sludge removal, transport and disposal is attached to the Operator's report for the Authority members to review.

The Operator states that this removal will get us another 3 years, but is not the long-term answer. The Authority's Engineer has been contacted, and will provide a report to eliminate the problem long-term when he attends the Authority's December meeting on December 12, 2023.

With a motion by John Burget and a second by Scott Klouser, the Operator's report was approved.

After a discussion by the members, Chairman Klouser entertained a motion by John Burget, a second by the Chairman, and a roll call vote to accept Kline's Septic estimate of \$7,570 per day to remove and transport the sludge. In addition, the Board members voted to approve \$45,000 to cover any amount over the estimate for removal, plus any change orders needed. The motion was made by John Burget, a second by Matt Boyer, and a roll call vote. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, John Burget gave the following report: Beginning balance on 10/10/23, \$89,041.86; Deposits, \$26,212.50; Interest, \$65.73; Expenses, \$4,501.48; Balance 11/14/23, \$110,818.61. With a motion by Matt Boyer, a second by Scott Klouser and a roll call, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business: The Collections Report was reviewed and it was noted that one resident is in arrears. The Chairman will be posting the property if payment is not made in the time limit's the Authority has set.

New Business: None

There was no other business to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M. with a motion by John Burget and a second by Matt Boyer The next meeting of the Authority will be on December 12, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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