

**Minutes for Wild Wings County Service Area Advisory Meeting
Wednesday December 5, 2018 6:30 PM
Wild Wings Nest**

The meeting was called to order by Scott Picanso. Committee members present were Doug Williams, Mark Ullrich and Lachi Richards. Also present was Beth Gabor from the CSA Administrative Support Team, and members of the community.

Introductions: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

One resident had an issue with water quality, he contacted SUSP and brought a water sample for testing. He felt that SUSP should have gotten the results to him sooner. SUSP interpreted the results which were OK. Natural minerals in the water caused the cloudy appearance.

Resident asked about arsenic. Reply from CSA was the last test showed 8 ppb, under the limit of 10 ppb.

Resident said filter was plugged with red residue, seems to be particular to his address. Another resident with similar problems in bathtub asked for testing.

Scott said Fire Department will do training this winter which may affect water quality (related to flushing out the lines).

UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR REXROAD: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 3, 2018, Approved.

Discussion and Action Items

A. Report out from Golf Sub-Advisory Committee meeting (Picanso)

Subcommittee meeting held with Kemper for items to address, community relations, business, use of the Nest, etc. Ponds have been cleaned out, working on Watts pond to get drain clear. Will have strategic planning session to set goals with Kemper. Extending contract for a shorter term as CSA is looking for better performance from Kemper. CSA is exploring the possibility of a cell tower for additional income (~\$30,000/yr.). Beth said it may need to be competitive process, needs to be out in open space.

B. Status of water & wastewater systems (SUSP)

SUSP provided Monthly Utility Report (available online). Wastewater – Working to finish pumping out and cleaning recycled water pond. Water – Water balance was done – 12% difference between meter readings and actual pumping for drinking water. 28% difference for irrigation water for the golf course. Discussion of on-going issues to utilize Itron meter reading device. Resident noted some meter wells are full of water, maybe due to rain.

C. Status of wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation (County)

Beth provided slide show showing most of the work has been completed. CSA is getting a new screw press for sludge. Once installed, it will allow faster cleanup of the recycled water pond. SCADA work will be done in February. State is OK with work on wastewater

rehabilitation. Air district also pleased with operators and how plant is doing. Past violations will be closed out. Mark asked about expenditures to date; Beth will provide later.

D. Wastewater Feasibility Study (County/Ponticello Enterprises)

Lachi presented Ponticello study of wastewater alternatives. Lachi was hired by Ponticello to assist on this feasibility study and the results of this study were handed out to people who attended the CSA meeting (and is available online). In summary, the following 6 alternatives were studied (all costs are estimates):

1. **Build Second Plant Identical to the First Plant:** A whole new plant alongside the old one; construction cost is \$4.16 million; annual operating cost increase is \$107,000 over current \$920,815 per year.
2. **Add Emergency Storage:** Add another pond, underground storage and pumps, need 20-days storage, approximately 1.2 million gallons of emergency storage; construction cost is \$6.96 million and increase in annual operating cost is \$102,000. Disadvantage is having to treat 1.2 million gallons which takes 75 days.
3. **Redundant & Standby Equipment:** Obtain certain additional equipment that provides redundancy and/or reliability, i.e. pumps, aerators, etc. Because of rehab work, already have a lot of the redundant equipment. Need another filter. Construction cost is \$725,000 and increase in annual operating cost is \$75,000. This option is attractive because of cost and most of equipment is already installed. Downside is temporary equipment needed to do maintenance on the plant (estimated to be \$300,000) and time every 5-7 years. Increase of \$75,000/year. There is a possibility that a loan would not be needed to implement this option. Rather, the funds could be obtained by drawing on reserves or the community could save the needed funds in advance of construction.
4. **Build a Second Smaller Plant:** Sized to handle 60,000 gallons per day. Can locate next to existing plant. Cost is \$2.25 million, increase in annual operating cost is \$83,000. Parallel process that runs by gravity. This option provides the most flexibility for less cost than Option 1.
5. **Connection to Woodland Treatment Plant:** Pipeline from Wild Wings to Woodland and pump station. Cost is \$9.72 million. Part of this cost is the City of Woodland connection fees of \$2.2 million. Operating cost would be \$572,000/year. Would need City of Woodland residents to vote "yes" to do this, requiring outreach and special ballot fee. Higher level of reliability. Have to borrow money which may be a problem because of demand for low-interest State loans. Loss of recycled water; have to replace this water with Moore canal water, not groundwater. Moore canal pipeline would cost \$ 545,000. Old plant – some components would remain; generators, pond, lift station; the rest would be decommissioned.
6. **Do nothing – not an option.**

See full study (online) for further information on options, costs and risks.

Community discussed the fact that connection to Woodland would not be possible if the Woodland residents vote "no". Questions asked about need for another Prop 218. County said it would depend on the option chosen. Need to make decision soon to get it all done in 5 years. Option 4 may be favorable with the least risk, lower cost and most redundancy. One suggestion was that Option 3 could be done first, and then Option 4 later to be able to spread the costs over a longer time frame.. Construction costs are most likely to increase as time goes on. Thus, the longer the delay in making a decision

and moving forward, the more likelihood of the costs rising. Requested total cost per year per homeowner. Difficult to calculate given financing options, but County will attempt to provide.

E. Status of water levels and lowering the bowls (Richards)

Water levels have gone up 16 feet since September, County is awarding contract to lower the bowls in both wells, hopefully before summer 2019 depending on the contractors schedule.

F. Arsenic treatment (County)

Looking at range of arsenic treatment options, waiting for answers from State related to arsenic treatment regulation.

G. 2018-19 first quarter financial report (County)

County is developing a financial reporting system that will be more user-friendly to residents. It will be demonstrated soon. There was a question on the negative balance of the sewer budget, Beth will answer question more fully at next meeting, but the funds for the negative balance for the sewage facility are being moved from the water fund as needed, but are not reflected yet on the balance sheet.

H. Call for future agenda items

2019 meetings will be as scheduled Feb 6, April 3, June 5, Aug 7, Oct 2 and Dec 4. Golf Course Sub-Committee Meetings begin at 5:30 pm and the CSA Meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 6, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Doug Williams