

Rensselaer County Sewer District No. 1

Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2023

I. Call to order

Chairman Miner called the regular meeting of the Rensselaer County Sewer District No. 1 to order on July 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Rensselaer County Legislature Conference Room.

II. Roll call

Chairman Miner conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Miner, Bott, Dambrose, Dolgin, Lourinia, Poletto, Rockwell, and Masone. Others present: Tom Garrett- Siemens, Shadrach Treat- Siemens, Jaime Thomas, Derrick Gardner, and Harry Tutunjian.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Charles Rockwell led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the May meeting were approved after a motion from Poletto and a second from Masone..

V. Reports

Siemens presentation- Tom Garrett and Shad Treat from Siemens distributed the updates to their work schedule. Garrett said that they are waiting for CDM Smith to analyze the dust report from Dekra.

The pilot program with the Huber Press will start again around July 27th. It will run 3-4 weeks. When the press was moved from its previous location, the material inside hardened and caused operating issues.

Luizzi is set to bring in a skid steer to mix piles of our biosolid with sludge from the City of Troy. They are charging \$1500.00 and are awaiting contract approval from Siemens.

Siemens will have quotes and plans for vibratory and gyratory screens before the next meeting.

The dryer is scheduled to be shut down for 3 days during the week of August 28th. The dryer will be cleaned out and examined for wear and tear.

Siemens hopes to have a package and estimate for pump grinder replacement, primary sludge skimming, and decant, and other improvements. Target date is August 4th.

Garrett stated that the offer from Siemens to provide a new industrial vacuum stands. Jamie Thomas says that we will accept it without signing a waiver. Garrett said that he cannot just give it to us without us signing a waiver.

Chairman Miner said that we should invite Jason Wheeler to the next meeting.

Bott asked what percentage of their project has been completed. Garrett answered 95%.

Staff Issues - The two process tech trainees that were hired are still employed. The part time lab director is working out well, and the Lab Director is getting good reviews from the staff at the plant.

There are no other staff issues to report

Siemens- Dryer Replacement Project- Covered earlier. Tutunjian added that he reached out to Troy Sand and gravel and Joe Buono from Cloverleaf Nurseries to see if needed more our biosolids.

Aeration and Miscellaneous Projects- . We are once again waiting for the final go ahead from EFC. Mike Manning from Ramboll sent in the submittals a few weeks ago and are awaiting an answer from them. Derrick Gardner said that all recent issues raised by EFC have been answered and we are getting closer to a final approval.

Internet Service at Treatment Plant- - New wireless cradle point equipment has been ordered from Verizon and is expected to arrive shortly. It will be installed in early August, and is expected to improve internet service at the plant. We will also go out to bid to have fiber installed between buildings to achieve connectivity. This will be critical when the Kronos timekeeping system is activated.

VI. Old Business

Troy Pump Station Mediation- Pump Station- It appears that we are close to wrapping this up. Two weeks ago, Gallo submitted a \$300,000 settlement offer after meeting most or all of their final obligations, such as delivering spare parts, repairing a winch, and other minor things. After a conference call with Delaware Engineering and our attorney, it was decided that it was not worth to continue to fight over what was now a roughly \$11,000 difference in a \$7M + project, so we agreed to paying them \$300,000. The final terms are being worked out, and we have the funds set aside to pay them. This will get this project closed, off our books, and please EFC that has kept the project open for almost 10 years now.

Jaime Thomas added that he asked for any and all warranty information for the equipment, but was told that all warranties have expired.

New Business

VII. Open Discussion

Chairman Miner asked if there have been any issues with the electrical maintenance contract that was awarded to HVES, or if there were any legal challenges made. Tutunjian said that he has not heard of any legal action.

VIII. Next meeting: August 23, 2023 at 6pm at the Rensselaer County Office Building 99 Troy Rd. 2nd floor Conference room

IX. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm after a motion from Poletto and a second from Bott.

Minutes submitted by: Harry Tutunjian