

**CITY OF ALBANY and CITY OF MILLERSBURG  
Joint Water and Wastewater Management Committee**  
Albany City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
Thursday, February 16, 2012  
5:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Darrin Lane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Darrin Lane, Clayton Wood, Linda Boyce, Barbara Castillo, Sharon Konopa, Floyd Collins, Dala Rouse

Committee Members Absent: Bill Coburn

Others Present: Wes Hare (Albany City Manager); Craig Massie (CH2M Hill); Chip Ullstad (Albany Utility Engineer); Kerry Shepherd (Attorney-Markowitz, Herbold, Glade & Mehlhaf); Jim Delapoer (Albany City Attorney); Forrest Reid (Millersburg City Attorney); Mark Shepard (Albany Public Works Director); Chris Bailey (Albany Operations Manager); Mark Lasswell (OMI Inc.); Jeff Babbitt (PW Senior Accountant); Jeff Kinney (Albany Water Superintendent); Tom Ten Pas (Albany Wetlands and Biosolids Reuse Manager); Richard Johnson (A-M-WRF Supervisor); Irene Mann (Albany Public Works Executive Assistant)

**CHANGE IN AGENDA DISCUSSION**

Lane said the order of the agenda items would be changed. Discussion of the AM-Water Treatment Plant and the Talking Waters Update would be discussed prior to the Executive Session.

**MINUTES**

Collins moved to accept the minutes from October 13, 2011, and Castillo seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**AM WTP UPDATE**

Shepard said things were going well. Kinney reported the plant was working well and there were no issues because of the flooding. He also mentioned the City water from the A-M WTP won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award in the AWWA Cascade to Coast Best Tasting Water Contest (Bend won 1<sup>st</sup> place).

Shepard then discussed the payment to CH2M Hill for providing technical support over multiple years at no charge. They asked the City to help cover some of their costs. Shepard added that having CH2M Hill as part of the City negotiating team added clout to the process. They are not charging their normal billing rates, just for their time. Half of their cost will be \$52,000. Albany's City Council approved Albany's share and staff is requesting Millersburg pay their proportional share. The split would be 16% Millersburg (\$8,668) and 83% Albany (\$43,332). There was discussion on payment schedule. The City of Albany could pay their share now, Castillo requested it show up on their quarterly billing from the City.

**TALKING WATER GARDENS UPDATE**

Shepard reported he had a discussion with Mayor Konopa about moving the grand opening date up from fall 2012 to spring 2012 to be able to take advantage of summer visitors.

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Also discussed was a CH2M contribution of an internal award of \$30,000. There was discussion on how to spend the money. TenPas suggested using it for additional boulders at the entrance to TWG. He mentioned he had a bid from Kurisu. There was discussion on using the money for education, but Massie said CH2M could not direct how the money is spent. Collins suggested sending a letter to CH2M Hill thanking them for the gift.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Shepard said there were unfunded TWG projects listed in the CIP (Capital Improvement Program).

Ten Pas said that TWG was under consideration for addition to the SUNSET magazine travel issue. He also said that Wah Chang was now sending all their wastewater to the TWG.

GOVERNING magazine is going to have an article on the private/public cooperation for the TWG.

### **RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION OR LITIGATION LIKELY TO BE FILED WITH ORS 192.660 (2)(h)**

The Regular Session was recessed into an Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

### **RECONVENE**

The Regular Session reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

**ACTION: Collins moved to recommend to the Albany City Council to authorize staff to initiate design of a sludge dryer to minimize sludge hauling costs. Castillo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Staff will return to the Management Committee with a proposed design schedule and contracting methodology.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

There was no meeting date scheduled.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene A. Mann  
Public Works Executive Assistant

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