

**CITY OF ALBANY and CITY OF MILLERSBURG
Joint Water and Wastewater Management Committee**

Albany City Hall

Santiam Room

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Darrin Lane called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Committee Members Absent: Scott Cowan (unexcused), Bill Coburn (excused)

Others Present: Jim Delapoer (Albany City Attorney); Forrest Reid (Millersburg City Attorney); Mark Shepard (Albany Public Works Director); Chris Bailey (Assistant PW Director/Albany Operations Manager); Kristin Preston (Albany Utility Superintendent-Wastewater); Jeff Blaine (Assistant PW Director/City Engineer); Irene Mann (Albany Public Works Executive Assistant)

MINUTES

Rouse moved to accept the minutes from the November 19, 2013, meeting, and Castillo seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 6:0.

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 4:09 p.m.

RECONVENE

The Regular Session reconvened at 5:12 p.m.

SOLIDS HANDLING

Shepard discussed the possible solutions to the solids handling and said all the solutions are very costly. He said the City was looking at many alternatives. One alternative discussed was the GORE composting process. The City was currently trying a pilot program. The GORE cover is a composting solution for the treatment of organic waste. It is cost efficient to install, and effectively controls odors and emissions and it yields Class 'A' biosolids that can be used in yards or nurseries. Class 'A' meets EPA guidelines for land application with no restrictions. The biosolids can be legally used as fertilizer on farms, vegetable gardens, and can be sold to home gardeners as compost or fertilizer. The GORE cover keeps wind/rain out of the compost pile while allowing CO₂ and water vapors to escape, and prevents odors from escaping.

Preston provided a handout and further explained the GORE composting pilot. She said that at this point she was very encouraged. Collins added that he felt composting was really the best choice. Preston said that the city of Florence was using the GORE cover and were very successful. They have the necessary chip facility on site to produce the woodchips needed for the process.

ROCK BENCHES IN TALKING WATER GARDENS (TWG)

Konopa said she saw some very reasonable rock benches on Craig's list. Preston said staff purchased the benches and she provided pictures.

NEW SIGNS IN TWG

Staff said that the \$30,000 donated by CH2M employees was used to purchase signs that have been placed throughout the facility. Pictures were also distributed.

IGA UPDATES

Shepard said the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) should be reviewed every five (5) years. He added that some items needed to be modified to give some flexibility in scheduling meetings.

OTHER ITEMS

Shepard said that representatives from Flakeboard met with City of Millersburg and Albany staff and their respective Mayors, and said they would leave unless Albany took Flakeboard's waste and both cities assumed some liability for the International Paper Mill (IP) property. The problem needed resolution by March 15, 2015. Lane and Reid also wanted to be involved in the discussions.

NEXT MEETING DATE

TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene A. Mann
Public Works Executive Assistant