

Muskegon County
Water System Policy Board
May 1, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice
990 Terrace Street
Board of Commissioners Room, 4th Floor

Tony Barnes, Chair

Marcia Jeske, Vice Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barnes at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL

Present: Kim Arter, Laketon Township Supervisor
Tony Barnes, Dalton Township Supervisor
Marcia Jeske, Fruitland Township Supervisor
Jennifer Hernandez, Muskegon Charter Township Supervisor
Kenneth Mahoney, Muskegon County Commissioner
I. John Snider II, Muskegon County Commissioner

Excused: Susie Hughes, Muskegon County Commissioner

Staff

Present: Matt Farrar, Public Works Director
Tina Nash, Public Works Coordinator
Carly Hines, Public Works Finance and Sustainability Administrator
Robert Ribbens, Environmental Manager
Crystal Morgan, WSPB Attorney

WSPB-19-008 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jennifer Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: **Motion Carried**

Chair Barnes welcomed Jennifer Hernandez to the Water System Policy Board.

WSPB-19-009 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Marcia Jeske, seconded by Commissioner Snider, to approve the minutes of the Muskegon County Regional Water Policy Board meeting held on January 9, 2019.

Voice Vote: **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT (on an agenda item)

None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Appendix C

Commissioner Snider commended those who worked on Appendix C. Kim Arter stated the subcommittee members were herself, Marcia Jeske, Matthew Farrar, Robert Ribbens and Crystal Morgan. Chair Barnes also thanked those involved for the time and work done on Appendix C.

Matthew Farrar stated Appendix C was looked at line by line. Matthew Farrar noted the subcommittee tried to align the terms and phrases and do away with items covered by the plumbing code and other laws.

Crystal Morgan pointed out that the redline version presented contains all of the changes since the beginning. Chair Barnes asked the board members to review Appendix C one last time for changes. Kim Arter requested this be an action item on the next agenda.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

WSPB-19-010 Moved by Commissioner Snider, seconded by Kim Arter, that the following informational items be received and placed on file:

1. Local Fund Balance Sheet for April 2019
2. Meter Set List for April 2019
3. Check Disbursement Report

Voice Vote: **Motion Carried**

WSPB-19-011 Moved by Marcia Jeske, seconded by Jennifer Hernandez, that the following informational items be received and placed on file:

4. Annual Water Quality Report for Eastside and Northside Water Systems

Commissioner Snider asked if the reports were publicized. Matthew Farrar stated the state has strict guidelines for posting Water Quality Reports and we follow those requirements.

Matthew Farrar stated the water quality is excellent and we have a very good water plant.

Chair Barnes asked Matthew Farrar about PFAS. Matthew Farrar stated there is a standard set by the EPA and we have been testing since 2012 for PFAS at the water plant. The latest results were 2 parts per trillion, which is very good.

Matthew Farrar pointed out the change in amount of fluoride treatment.

Voice Vote: **Motion Carried**

WSPB-19-012 Moved by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Marcia Jeske, that the following informational items be received and placed on file:

5. Regional Water System Graphs

Chair Barnes asked Matthew Farrar about the spikes. Matthew Farrar stated most spikes are driven by weather conditions.

Voice Vote: **Motion Carried**

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Barnes asked for an update from the Management Contract Subcommittee members. Kim Arter stated there have been several meetings but none since Jeff Wood left. Crystal Morgan stated the subcommittee members met 3 times and went through a preliminary analysis of the entire contract. She is currently working on draft language before the subcommittee meets again.

Chair Barnes appointed Jennifer Hernandez to the Management Contract Subcommittee to replace Jeff Wood.

Chair Barnes appointed Kim Arter as Chair of the Management Contract Subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Snider asked for an update on the Channel Crossing Project. Matthew Farrar stated staff is working with many state agencies getting required approvals. Matthew Farrar pointed out the project will be broken down into phases. Matthew Farrar thanked the City of Muskegon staff for working with the County on this project which will save on costs. Matthew Farrar stated they are working with the MDEQ on a possible alternate route that also could save money if approved.

Kim Arter asked if the State Park campground could connect to water. Matthew Farrar stated it would be possible.

Matthew Farrar stated the cooperation with the State of Michigan agencies and the City of Muskegon has been very good.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jennifer Hernandez introduced Muskegon Charter Township's new Treasurer, Lindsay Theile.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Water System Policy Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Tony Barnes, Chair