

Milton Municipal Utilities Commission

Minutes – March 2, 2021 Meeting



Mayor Tom Canterbury called the Utilities Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Those present were: Mayor Canterbury, Commissioners Chittum, Miller, Chastain and Meadows, Charlie Conard, Jessica Ramsey and Chantall Kirk.

Commissioner Chastain moved to approve the agenda. Second by Commissioner Miller. Motion Carried.

Mayor Canterbury read the minutes from the February 2021 meeting. Commissioner Chastain moved to approve the minutes. Second by Commissioner Chittum. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the bills totaling \$182,241.83, an itemized copy of which is posted in the lobby of City Hall. Second by Commissioner Meadows. Motion carried.

Office Utilities Update:

Requests for leak adjustments were presented to the Board.

The Board reviewed the Monthly Water Collection Efficiency Report. Ramsey will be coordinating with the Water Plant Operators each time there is a leak to better track the amount of water that is being lost.

The RPOC agreement is ready for review. Michael Griffith is wanting to discuss the RPOC CWCR account. Jim Kelsh wants comments on the Preliminary Engineering Report (P.E.R) and says it could be three to four months before agreement is signed.

Salt Rock is having an issue getting compensation from the fiber optic company that hit a sewer line near Yates Crossing. The company is not wanting to pay the \$8000.00 in repairs and does not want to get their insurance company involved, however all other parties feel that the fiber optic company should take responsibility. Jim Kelsh is looking into the matter.

Regarding Water Plant upgrades, Smith said that he has been in contact with a couple manufacturers and has come up with three options. Each of these options would include fixing the Sanitary Survey issues. There are Grants available for these upgrades from the USDA Rural Development. Smith says he is willing to sit down with the board and discuss these options in depth at another time.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Office Utilities Update. Second by Commissioner Chastain. Motion carried.

Thrasher Engineer Report:

The Corps of Engineers spoke with Forwand, representative of Mud River Land Trust, regarding the land acquisition for the Sewer Project. The conversation seemed to go well, but since then her communication has ceased. Smith says he spoke to Ron Flora and we may have to send a Letter of Condemnation to move forward. Smith will be drafting a letter to Forwand stating that if she has not been in contact with them by a specific date, then condemnation is imminent. Smith stated that he will contact Brian Lowe and see how best to go about doing the condemnation because it may be better if the Corps of Engineers does it for the whole property rather than tying up the project with two condemnations. All of our pump station properties have been acquired. Smith thinks we could move forward with the bids once we get to 80% of the acquisitions.

Commissioner Chastain moved to approve the Thrasher Engineer Report. Second by Commissioner Chittum. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chastain made a motion to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Second by Commissioner Chittum. Motion carried.

Tom Canterbury, Mayor