

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at the MSB Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Tom Healy chaired the meeting.

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mike Campfield, P.E.
Archie Giddings, P.E.
Tom Healy
Helen Munoz
Ronald Phillips

Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board members absent and excused were:

Thomas Stoelting
Gina Jorgensen

Staff and Agency Representatives in attendance were:

Josi Willcox, Board Administrative Support

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Today's agenda was reviewed by the Board and approved without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Helen Munoz

V. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bryan Holland
Mr. Ken Slate
Mr. Vladimir Scheglowksi, PE, Clark Engineering Corporation
Mr. Kazem Oskoui, Clark Engineering Corporation
Mr. Tom Wolfe

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. Minutes for the January 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Discussed correcting the spelling of "Audience" on page 2.

VOTE: The minutes were approved as amended without objection.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mr. Bryan Holland, Aero-Fac Treatment Systems by Gurney Environmental

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*Three minutes per person*)

None

IX. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

- A. City of Wasilla – Mr. Archie Giddings, P.E., Public Works Director
 - a. They have completed the geotechnical investigation on the parcel they purchased; had their first agency meeting to discuss options based on the facility and permit requirement they will have. Should have some conclusions later this summer.
- B. City of Palmer – Mr. Tom Healy, Public Works Director
 - a. Spoke on the work being done to complete the Facility Plan for the upgrades to the wastewater facility in Palmer; should be ready next week. Hope to start design at the end of this month; construction and design will take it out a couple of years.
 - b. Will be leaving his position with the City of Palmer on June 17, 2016. Will talk with the Mayor and Manager about staying on the Board.
- C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough – Mr. Mike Campfield, P.E., Environmental Engineer
 - a. Took CH2M Hill’s presentation to the Assembly on January 26, 2016. They asked us to shift courses on our funding source now that the State grant money has gone away. They would like us to look at Federal programs like the USDA grant loan program so that’s what we’ve been working on.
 - b. The Assembly also mentioned that they want us to look into “green” or “sustainable” systems and consider how new technology could be used in our unique system and situation (dealing with both septage and leachate at the landfill). We’re looking into that, too.
 - c. Finally, the Assembly said they hoped we’d do more public relations so more lay people will learn about leachate and the importance of septage treatment here in the Valley. We’re going to do some of that with the MSB Public Affairs Director Patty Sullivan over the summer to raise the level of awareness about this project.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Next meeting’s deadlines

XIV. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Helen Munoz

No comments

Will see Mr. Moosey when he gets back

Mr. Archie Giddings

Had a question for Mr. Holland. Discussion.

Mr. Ron Phillips

Has a good friend who is working for Alaska Wastewater in their Accounting Department. He's informed me unofficially that we're going to be hit with probably a 50% increase on our dumping fees, at least – minimal, to pay for their cost; he just finished a cost analysis on it. So Mike, there's some additional costs that can work into your factoring whether or not we can pay for it. As I've been going around and visiting with people that I have pumped, every one of them that I have pumped – I've talked to them about ... they ask me what I do with it when I'm done with it and I explain and explain that the Borough is working on something that, because of the cost of the facilities, our rates are going to have to increase to cover the cost of the new facility.

Mrs. Helen Munoz
(undecipherable comment)

Mr. Mike Campfield, MSB Environmental Engineer

I'll follow on what Ron said. We will keep an eye on what Anchorage does. They will ... you know part of what was my understanding is that they'll do their rate study and present it to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and the RCA has the final say. They'll hold public hearings and I'm sure it'll be much like last time, they'll be some discussion about the septage rates. We'll see where that ends up. We have heard that and we'll keep an eye on that and that will definitely tip the scales in favor of building this project even more than they already are.

Mrs. Helen Munoz
(undecipherable comment)

Mr. Tom Healy

I don't have any further comments other than thank you for all those who attended for your interest and presentation and thanks to the Board. We will see you next month on the 4th at 2:00 pm at this very same place.

XV. NEXT MEETINGS

- A. Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the MSB Assembly Chambers
- b. Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the MSB Assembly Chambers

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m. by Mr. Tom Healy.



Mr. Tom Healy, Chair

ATTEST:



Josi Willcox, Board Administrative Support