

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, May 4, 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 – left at 2:55
Helen Munoz
Ronald Phillips
Thomas Stoelting

Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board members absent and excused were:

Gina Jorgensen

Staff and Agency Representatives in attendance were:

John Moosey, Mat-Su Borough Manager
Debbie Passmore, Board Administrative Support
Butch Shapiro, Solid Waste Manager
Terry Dolan, Public Works Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Today's agenda was reviewed by the Board and discussed.

1. Add Dr. Abi Assadi, P.E., Clark Technology under VII. Presentations
2. Remove the June 1 meeting and add a July 28 meeting under XIV. Next Meetings

No objection and the agenda was approved as amended.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Archie Giddings

V. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

Randall Kowalke, Assembly Member
Molly Boyer, Executive Director of Valley Community Recycling
Brian O'Connor, Frontiersman
David Lundin, P.E., HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC
Chris Bowman, P.E., HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC
Bill Stokes
Tom Wolf, CH2M Hill
Cory Hinds, CH2M Hill
Howard Hindin
Vladimir Scheglowski, PE, Clark Engineering Corporation
Kazem Oskoui, Clark Engineering Corporation
Dr. Abi Assadi, PE, Clark Technology

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. Minutes for the April 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed by the Board.

VOTE: The minutes were approved without objection.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Vladimir Scheglowksi, PE, Clark Engineering Corporation
Mr. Kazem Oskoui, Clark Engineering Corporation
Dr. Abi Assadi, PE, Clark Technology

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

Bill Stokes

- Used to work for the DEC. Was the Environmental Manager at a pulp mill called Sitka before that. They had the only working anaerobic digester
- Leachate is only caused by one thing: water. Believes that water is the problem
- Thinks we should dig a trench and fill it with clay to block out the water; RO filter
- Turning septage into a useable solid is easy
- Is willing to be a resource if we'd like his help

Eugene Carl Haberman

- Appreciated the informative presentation
- Was disappointed that there was no presentation in the information packet for the public to see now instead of waiting until after the meeting
- Cautioned us that we need to hear from the public more often during our meetings before we make any decisions
- Welcomed us to have questions for the public before we get into something big and bad like the ferry
- Spoke about the reports from agency and staff; thinks the public should be able to speak after those
- Mentioned that the AAB passed a resolution that asks for the public input before each decision they make

Howard Hindin

- Lives in the Summerwoods neighborhood
- Encouraged this board to consider a different location for the septage/sewage treatment facility down at the landfill
- A public notice was recently sent out to about 1,200 residents who live near the landfill regarding expansion of the landfill
- Since the landfill is in the core area, in the sensitive area. He thinks it should be located someplace else
- It makes sense to him that the Borough should team up with either the City of Palmer or the City of Wasilla and partner with them to build a facility to take care of that
- Met with the DEC on April 11 and Ms. Holland said the DEC will not approve a treatment facility next to the landfill

IX. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

- A. City of Wasilla – Mr. Archie Giddings, P.E., Public Works Director
 - a. Nothing since our last meeting
 - b. As far as the audience comments, the City of Wasilla doesn't have the capacity to take on anything outside the city limits
- B. Matanuska-Susitna Borough – Mr. Mike Campfield, P.E., Environmental Engineer
 - a. We are actively pursuing both septage and leachate treatment options with Public Works, the Landfill and the Assembly

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

Our meetings are publicized in the Frontiersman
Has been on this board since 2012
Is not making a dime for all of her work but is doing it for the next generation
Yes, she's uptight because she feels most people don't care
She apologized for being upset and outspoken

Mr. Archie Giddings

Thanked our presenters
Wants to learn more about it

Mr. Tom Stoelting

Thanked our presenters, too
Looking forward to learning more

Mr. Ron Phillips

Had an interesting conversation with Oran Wooly recently
He made the comment about him having a problem with the leachate and septage treatment being combined. Doesn't want the contamination to create a bigger problem
Has a question about the cost that's going to be passed on to us as pumpers for getting rid of it. Wonders if we are going to be supplementing the cost for treating the leachate
Currently the tankers are going past our homes with heavy metals and other hazardous materials. Believes it would be far better to keep it near the landfill as opposed to trucking it and having a haz mat situation happen at our doorstep
Understands that someone has to pay for it but, as a pumper, would hate to be paying for the extra cost of treating the leachate.

Mr. Mike Campfield, P.E.

Thinks we are all on the same page for what our goals are

We'll keep working on this

Is interested in this new information; this technology is taking place in other parts of the world but maybe is new and different for us in Alaska so there's lots to learn

We'll definitely take a look at it

XV. NEXT MEETINGS

A. Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the MSB Assembly Chambers

b. Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the MSB Assembly Chambers

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. by Mr. Mike Campfield, P.E.



Mr. Tom Healy, Chair

ATTEST:



Debbie Passmore, Board Administrative Support