

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WASTEWATER & SEPTAGE ADVISORY BOARD

Mike Campfield, P.E., Vice Chair
Gina Jorgensen
Thomas Stoelting

Archie Giddings, P.E.
Helen Munoz

Tom Healy, Chair
Ronald Phillips

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

MSB Assembly Chambers
350 E. Dahlia Ave
Palmer, AK 99645

2:00 p.m.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
 - III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - V. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS
 - VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
 - A. September 8, 2016 (regular meeting)
 - VII. PRESENTATIONS (*Approximately ten minutes per presentation*)
 - A. Eileen Probasco: The future of Advisory Boards
 - VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*Three minutes per person*)
 - IX. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS
 - A. City of Wasilla – Mr. Archie Giddings, P.E., Public Works Director
 - B. City of Palmer – Mr. Nate Wallace, City Manager
and Mr. Chris Nall, Public Works Director
 - C. City of Houston – Ms. Gina Jorgenson, City Council Member
 - D. Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility – Mr. Mark Corsentino, PM Supervisor
 - E. Matanuska-Susitna Borough – Mr. Mike Campfield, P.E., Environmental Engineer
 - F. State of Alaska - DEC- Mr. Oran Woolley, Wastewater Engineering Associate
 - X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - XI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion about WSAB's goals and objectives

XII. INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
A.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

XIV. NEXT MEETING
A. _____, 2017

XV. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board was held on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at the MSB Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 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
Gina Jorgensen
Helen Munoz
Thomas Stoelting

Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board members absent and excused were:

Ronald Phillips

Staff and Agency Representatives in attendance were:

Debbie Passmore, Board Administrative Support

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION: to amend the agenda to move today's presentation to after Section 12, Informational Handouts. If Mr. Moyers is not here by then, Mr. Wallace will present in his absence. (Mr. Moyers arrived at 2:46.)

VOTE: No objection and the revised agenda was approved as amended.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tom Healy.

V. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

Amy Rathbun, PVC
Dianna Ellers, citizen
Chris Nall, City of Palmer Public Works Director
Nate Wallace, City of Palmer Manager
Richard Kowalke, Assembly Member
Jim Sykes, Assembly Member

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. Minutes for the July 28, 2016 meeting were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Tom Healy moved that the minutes be approved.

VOTE: The minutes were approved without objection.

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

None

VIII. AGENCY AND STAFF REPORTS

- A. City of Wasilla – Mr. Archie Giddings, P.E., Public Works Director
 - a. Nothing new to add at this time
- B. City of Palmer – Mr. Nate Wallace, City Manager and Mr. Chris Nall, Public Works Director
- C. City of Houston – Ms. Gina Jorgenson, City Council Member
 - a. Nothing new for this meeting; next meeting we will.
- D. Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility – Mr. Mark Corsentino, PM Supervisor
 - a. *Not in attendance*
- E. Matanuska-Susitna Borough – Mr. Mike Campfield, P.E., Environmental Engineer
 - a. Has been in conversation with AWWU recently.
 - b. They are just now getting on with a study to evaluate their current study; they might close down their Turpin Street site. That will be later this year or early next year to hear about that from the consultant.
 - c. Earlier this week, we got the approval to get the \$5M loan from DEC to start the project to build the septage and leachate facility. We'll get a design started, then get a cost estimate for whatever we decide to build. Then we'll go back to DEC and the Federal Government to get construction funding.
 - d. Discussion about the scope of work and plans for the \$5M loan.
- F. State of Alaska - DEC- Mr. Oran Woolley, Wastewater Engineering Associate
 - a. *Not in attendance*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Copy of IM No. 16-155, requesting Assembly approval of the loan offer from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Clean Water Fund ... in the amount not to exceed \$5M ...
- B. Copy of the article "The Sewer Lady" from the Frontiersman dated 9/7/2016

XII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mr. Nate Wallace, City of Palmer, City Manager
 - i. Proposed Upgrades to the Palmer Wastewater Treatment Plant with handout

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Gina Jorgensen: Nice to see it moving along. Hopefully they'll get it wrapped up.

Mr. Tom Healy: With the projected growth that's calculated would the design take care of the EPA restrictions with the ammonia?

Mr. Wallace: Yes, it will, now and for future growth.

Mr. Mike Campfield, P.E.: Glad to meet the new gentlemen working at the City of Palmer. Glad to hear this has come to a point where they're moving in the construction direction. Finally getting some things done.

Mr. Archie Giddings: no comments.

Ms. Helen Munoz: I'd like to see meetings every month now instead of every two months. I'll be at every Borough meeting because things are moving along. It's the only way to keep abreast of what's going on. Good to get the input from the pumpers while this is going on.

Mr. Tom Healy: I think there's some real progress moving along. Good to see. Good progress with the Borough funding as well as the City's progress. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 10. Helen has requested that we meet every month so I'll open it up for comments from the Board. My view is that things are underway as far as RFP's for design. There will be a time that will include some contact with the operators to incorporate our ideas into the plant. My thought is that as far as this Board is concerned, I think there is enough going on that we can monitor it every other month.

Ms. Helen Munoz: Well, my comment is that sometimes the only way to keep it going once it's off the ground is that...sometimes out of site is out of mind.

Mr. Archie Giddings: I think once things get going, we can call the meetings to be held every month.

Mr. Mike Campfield, P.E.: I just want to say for the record that I'm happy to see Helen anytime. We do plan to get together with the haulers once we get design options. I'll bring them to the Board for a presentation before we get too far down the design road. At least for the next little while, let's go for every other month.

Ms. Helen Munoz: Fine.

Mr. Tom Healy: Okay, then our next meeting will be held on November 10. Thank you all for your attendance.

XIV. NEXT WSAB MEETING

- A. Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the MSB Assembly Chambers

XV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned by Tom at 2:58 p.m.

Mr. Tom Healy, Chair

ATTEST:

Debbie Passmore, Board Administrative Support