

DES MOINES WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Facility
3000 Vandalia Road
Des Moines, Iowa

January 12, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Iowa Code Section 21.4 requires that each Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority meeting shall be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public and at a time reasonably convenient to the public, unless for good cause such a place or time is impossible or impracticable. Given Section One of the Governor's December 9, 2020 Proclamation strongly encouraging vulnerable Iowans to limit participation in gatherings of any size and any purpose during the COVID19 outbreak and further given Section 114 the Governor's December 9, 2020 Proclamation suspending the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code §§ 21.8, 26.12, and 414.12, or any other statute imposing a requirement to hold a public meeting or hearing, the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority has determined that a meeting at a physical place is impossible or impracticable and all Technical Committee meetings for the time being will be conducted electronically with the public allowed to attend per the instructions on this agenda. Meeting minutes will continue to be provided per the WRA's normal course of business.

MINUTES

ITEM 1: Call to Order

Shane Kinsey, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

ITEM 2: Roll Call

Committee Members

Don Clark, Ankeny*
Jeff May, Clive*
Eugene Schmitt, Des Moines*
Shane Kinsey, Johnston*
Wayne Schwartz, Norwalk*
Russ Paul, Pleasant Hill*
Bret VandeLune, Polk County*
John Larson, Urbandale*
Tim Royer, Waukee*
Larry Hare, WRF*

Others in Attendance

Matt Ahrens, Grimes*
Roger McFarland, Ankeny*
James Beck, Operating Contractor
Scott Hutchens, Operating Contractor
Roxane Vaughan, Operating Contractor

Kyle Wilson, Operating Contractor*
Nick Carter, Operating Contractor*
Lindze Pogue, Operating Contractor

ITEM 3: Minutes for the December 8, 2020 meeting - Approval

Tim Royer made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 8, 2020 meeting. Don Clark seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passes.

ITEM 4: WRA 2020 Community Populations – Approval

James Beck informed the group that annually the WRA Technical Committee approves the community populations, and that the most recent census data provided by each individual community to the Operating Contractor is used. James noted that there were few changes reported from any community as most communities were waiting to receive their results from the 2020 census.

Wayne Schwartz made a motion to approve the population amounts from each community. Larry Hare seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passes.

ITEM 5: WRA Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Improvement Plan – Information

James Beck presented information regarding the WRA's Capital Improvement Program. There were not any new projects added for the year, but the information does give updates for FY 22 estimated totals.

ITEM 6: Industrial Waste Ordinance – Information

Larry Hare gave the committee an update for the month of December. There was only one economic hardship exception that was received and approved for West Des Moines. During the month of December, the WRA completed zero annual inspections, due to the holidays and vacations.

ITEM 7: Contract Status Update – Information

James Beck explained that there are 4 construction projects that have been completed and removed off the list this month. There are a few studies that have been added for the possibility of future projects.

ITEM 8: Other Business

Scott Hutchens wanted to congratulate David McKay on retirement and to thank him for all his years sitting on the committee and his hard work.

ITEM 9: Adjourn

Tim Royer made a motion to adjourn. Larry Hare seconded that motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.