

Draft May 1st

WLSD Planning Committee Meeting
Monday, April 30, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attending: Jim Mersfelder, Ray Turri, Chip Roraback, Charlie Ekstrom, Richard Reis, Joan Lang, Ken Green, and Paul Dombrowski, Vonnie Reis and John Daniels of Woodard & Curran

1. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of February 14, 2012.

2. Periodic Update – Facilities Plan

The Committee reviewed the document Periodic Update – Facilities Plan dated April 30 (attached). Paul took us through the document covering both work completed through April 29 as well as work planned for the month of May. For work planned for May, it was noted that Ray and Jim would like to attend the meeting with the Town of Goshen on Task 3 (Define Service Area).

3. Groundwater Disposal System Evaluation

Paul updated the Committee on the disposal field testing results. DEEP has approved 3 of the 4 disposal bed tests and W&C has asked DEEP for approval on the last remaining test (G-1). Joe Wetteman of DEEP visited the site on April 30 and raised questions about the testing of G-1. Paul will be responding to Joe this week but it looks likely that we will have to rerun the test unless we get relief from DEEP.

The results of the 3 beds tested earlier have been very good. Using the results of the 3 beds tested and extrapolating them to similar beds nearby, four F beds have a capacity of 23,000 gpd, three G beds have a capacity of 33,000 gpd and six A beds have a capacity of 82,000 gpd for a total capacity of 138,000 gpd for 13 beds. The W&C team will be pulling together all the data including the earlier work of other engineering consultants and preparing a report assessing the capacity of our disposal fields, the 21 day run-off perimeter and recommendations on how to proceed with discussions with DEEP.

3. Infiltration and Inflow Evaluation

The Committee reviewed the document WLSD I/I Investigations dated April 30 from Vonnie Reis (attached). This document outlined identified I/I repairs with an attachment of cost estimates which engendered considerable discussion. The purpose of the document and discussion was to identify I/I repair work that needs to be done and estimate the financial costs to determine an action plan and to prepare the District's budget for 2012/13. The Committee agreed to recommend a series of I/I investigation, design and construction tasks to be undertaken in FY 2013 totaling \$584,000, of which \$460,000 could be financed by a 20 year, 2% loan. As the specifics of the work and associated costs are complex, Paul will prepare a summary note outlining the agreed I/I Plan with all costs and circulate it to the Committee and Board. It will subsequently be posted onto the WLSD website.

4. Funding Sources and Taxpayer Financing

John Daniels took the Committee through a one page summary paper of the possible funding sources for our sewer project. While the pressure on public finances has reduced funding

opportunities at the state and federal levels, there are still sources of loans (and some grants) to be pursued for different parts of our project. We will be immediately pursuing loan funding for the I/I remediation work planned for FY 2013. There was a brief discussion on the various methods of how WLSD taxpayers would pay for the operating and capital costs of the sewer system going forward (ad valorem taxes as present, usage fees, etc). John recommended a workshop for Committee members in the next month or two to explore in greater detail all the funding and financing options available to the District.

5. Next Meeting

No date for our next meeting was set. The District's Budget meeting is scheduled for May 26th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ken Green, Chairman
May 1, 2012