

**Linden County Water District  
Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2009**

**Directors Present:** Michael Ostrom, President, Randy Owens, Sam Fonzi, and John Walsh  
Tom McCoy and Office Manager Barbara Kascht were in attendance.  
Tom Butler with ECO:LOGIC Engineering was also present.

**Directors Absent:** Kevin Stevens, Vice President

**Public Comment:** None

**Agenda Items:**

**1. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Randy Owens moved to approve the consent calendar, which consisted of the following items:

- a. Minutes of the March 20, 2009 regular board meeting
- b. Warrant Listing
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Principal Financial
- e. Generator Maintenance
- f. Field Operations Report
- g. Correspondence
- h. Safety Meeting Report

seconded by John Walsh. **AYES:** 4 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 Motion carried.

Sam Fonzi moved to take Old Business items 2c and 2d out of order so that Tom Butler with ECO:LOGIC Engineering could make his presentation, seconded by Randy Owens. **AYES:** 4  
**NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 Motion carried.

- c. Mr. Butler reported that he had evaluated the District's groundwater monitoring with regards to compliance and current Regional Board standards. The District has a very old permit order set forth by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, which is past due to be updated. At that time, the RWQCB may request a background water quality study. Butler found that there is a lack of good groundwater monitoring locations, with one monitoring well located next to a creek, which could cause the salinity standards to be artificially low. Tom McCoy also voiced concern about the water level fluctuation within the monitoring well and that it had been very low at times. They will research the different types of irrigation used in the area. Additionally, Butler commented that the original monitoring network was designed correctly with one background well and at least two compliance wells. He spoke about what it would take to bring the network up into compliance with current standards and have an adequate network for assessing background groundwater. The District also needs to have a monitoring

well survey done, as one was never completed or submitted. To be proactive, Butler recommends writing a letter proposal to the RWQCB, including a work plan and monitoring program for their approval. He offered to work with District staff on using the new monitoring equipment, which was purchased at his recommendation. Mr. Butler addressed questions regarding ECO:LOGIC's proposal for the drilling of additional groundwater monitoring wells. John Walsh moved to accept their proposal, seconded by Sam Fonzi. **AYES**: 4 **NOES**: 0 **ABSTAIN**: 0 Motion carried.

- d. Mr. Butler asked a soil scientist from ECO:LOGIC to review the sludge management program and will forward the recommendations to Tom McCoy. They briefly discussed the problems the District is currently experiencing and what the sludge removal process will entail. Butler asked about the hardness of the District's water and spoke about problems water softeners can cause. Director Walsh asked about rehabilitating the perk ponds. McCoy stated they would deep-shank rip the pond to improve percolation as soon as the pond is dry.

The meeting resumed to the order of the agenda.

## 2. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Layne Christensen's proposal for the additional pumping and chlorination of Well #6 was changed to reflect that the District will be able to pump the water onto the farm land, thus reducing the expense for piping. The target date to start discharging is the second week of June. President Ostrom said the water could be rerouted to the storm pond in the event that the farmer cannot take the water. He added that the bid will have to be further revised, as there were still some chlorination charges that needed to be removed.
- b. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for operations and management was tabled in the absence of Vice President Stevens.
- c. Covered earlier in the meeting.
- d. Also addressed previously.
- e. Board members received a newly revised version of the Water Quality Laboratory Services Request for Proposal in their packet. President Ostrom explained that Appendix B would be changed to include the biosolids analysis. He also stated that Wells #3 and #4 were going to be set up as standby wells and would only need to be tested every nine years or if they were used on an emergency basis of no more than five days in a row or 15 days total per calendar year. The cost would be \$300.00 for a permit amendment to take the wells out of service but then monthly testing would not be required. Tom McCoy will provide a cost savings analysis at the next board meeting. The final draft of the RFP will also be completed for approval at the May meeting.
- f. Barbara reported that the Linden-Peters Fire District would sign the Memorandum of Understanding at their May 7th board meeting. Neither entity posed any questions or changes. Sam Fonzi moved that the Board formally approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding between LCWD and LPPD, seconded by Randy Owens. **AYES**: 4 **NOES**: 0 **ABSTAIN**: 0 Motion carried.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. The Summer Youth Employment and Training Program was discussed. Tom McCoy briefly explained the program and voiced his support. A summer hire would work five days a week, six to eight hours per day, from June through August at no cost to the District. The age range of youths is 14 to 24 years. Barbara added that the District has participated in the past, the last time being in 2002. Randy Owens moved to approved participating in this program, seconded by Sam Fonzi. **AYES:** 4 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 Motion carried.
- b. President Ostrom will ask Kevin Stevens to assist Barbara with the budget for next year.

### **4. MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Tom McCoy stressed the importance of beginning the sludge removal process. He also reported that there is a small water service leak on Monte Vista and the hydrant installation on Front Street near the Lions Club was halted due to problems at the lift station. McCoy will review with staff how to operate the sewer jetter prior to its use.

### **5. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Sam Fonzi moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randy Owens. **AYES:** 4 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 Motion carried.