

TOWN OF RICHLAND WATER DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES OF THE RICHLAND WATER ADVISORY BOARD

Date: July 6, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Regular monthly water board meeting

Place: H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse Jury Room

Water Board Members Present: Craig Sternberg, Chairman

Ron Novak

Doug Schwalm

Krista Fox

Absent: Rob Goodsell

Absent: Doug Haynes

Others in Attendance: Mary Yerdon, Water Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Tonight's meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with Craig Sternberg leading the pledge of allegiance.

Ron Novak made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2021, meeting. Doug Schwalm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Supervisor Sternberg went over the July 1 water department report (see attached).

Supervisor Sternberg pointed out 84% of the Town of Richland has municipal water available by the end of 2021. He used West Monroe as an example for making water available to the remainder of the Town of Richland. West Monroe formed their water district including the entire township. District formation can take 2 to 3 years to complete. The next step would be to determine where to start laying the water mains. It did not have to be completed all at once or on a deadline. The district formation would be completed, and water mains installed as beneficial funding became available thus lowering the cost to the property owners receiving the water. Currently, there is economic recovery money available, and water is at the top of the list. The water board felt this was an opportunity that should be investigated thru conversations with Barton & Loguidice.

Supervisor Sternberg reported how many transmitters (approximately 200) have been changed by the Water Operators and praised them for working so diligently to get this turnover completed as quickly as possible. Most of these are along the Lake Ontario shoreline.

The water operators are entering all the information in connection with the water system into a Geological Information System. It includes water mains and size of the piping, location of hydrants, valves, curb stops, meter placement at a property with latitude and longitude for easy access when needed. A map can be brought up on the phone or computer with different colors and symbols for various components of the system. Supervisor Sternberg used his phone and a TV screen to show board members the information currently entered into the GIS system. You can click on the symbol, and it shows all the information about the item (including exact location, address name, meter ID number, hydrant information, work that was performed on it, etc.). The water operators have had to learn how to properly enter the information and then how to use it once it is entered.

Alarms and callouts are down from last year to about two each week. This is mainly due to preventive maintenance.

The railroad crossing on County Route 28 will not go under the railroad tracks. There will be two dead ends that will require flushing. There were complications with the railroad and the contractor. A decision will be made by the Town Board whether to remove that cost from the contract and use it elsewhere or whether to pursue this and pay the extra amount for the bore later. All other railroad crossings are completed.

Service ties have not been completed in most areas. The project completion date is December 2021 except for some restoration work in the Spring of 2022. The contractor put out a projected schedule, but it keeps changing and cannot be relied upon.

The July 5 storm caused damage at the Schoeller well site. There was damage to the transducer in well B27 and the flow meter in B13. Alarms were not working because the generator did not come on. It is 3-phase power and one leg was still working, therefore, signal to start the generator did not happen. Aqualogics was called and everything is working except one part that should be here tomorrow.

Ron Novak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20. Krista Fox seconded it. All members agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Yerdon
Town of Richland Water Department Clerk