

THE McCANDLESS TOWNSHIP SANITARY AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2025

MEETING NO. 03

Call to Order – The Regular Meeting of the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Authority’s Administration Building, 418 Arcadia Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237. Chairman Christopher Eddy called the meeting to order.

Roll Call – Chairman Christopher Eddy, called roll. Authority Board Members present were James Forsey, Thomas Merski and M. John Schon. Patrick Semon, Absent.

Present: Ronald Brown, Solicitor of Dickie, McCamey, Chilcote, P.C.; Kevin Creagh, KLH Engineers, Inc.; William Youngblood, Executive Director; William Richard, Superintendent; Jim Schwab, Assistant Superintendent; Anthony Giancola, Business Manager; Raymond Aufman, Development/Administrative Manager; Dennis Blakley, Consultant; Ed Bricker, Plant Manager; Tim Barker Plant Assistant; Jack Casey, Town of McCandless Liaison, and Deborah McElwain, Recording Secretary.

Invocation: Chairman Forsey gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Eddy led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There were none.

Communications: There were none.

Recommend the Following Be Placed in Motion:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Forsey moved to approve the January 9, 2025, Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes, and the January 23, 2025, Reconvened Meeting Minutes, as submitted to each Board Member, seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

APPROVE LIST OF BILLS: Mr. Schon reviewed with the Board the List of Bills Report for period through February 6, 2025, totaling \$1,351,653.69, as presented.

Mr. Schon moved to approve for payment the List of Bills through February 6, 2025, as presented, seconded by Mr. Forsey. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

MERIT ELECTRIC GROUP, INC. PAYMENT NO. 31: Mr. Schon moved to approve Application and Certificate for Payment No. 31, submitted by Merit Electrical Group, Inc., in the amount of \$94,995.09, dated 1/25/2025, for Contract 110-Electrical Construction, for the Pine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant-Phase I Improvements, as recommended by KLH Engineers, Inc., seconded by Mr. Merski. *All members present voted “Aye” and the motion carried unanimously.*

SYSTEMS REPORTS:

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Solicitor Brown reported on the following:

ALCOSAN Regionalization Transfer Agreement: Solicitor Brown has not received a response from the solicitors for Kilbuck Township, Ohio Township and Emsworth Borough requesting input on the impact ALCOSAN’s position to not assume the participation service agreements will have on their communities.

Solicitor Brown will attend the 3 Rivers Wet Weather Solicitors meeting scheduled for February 12, 2025.

Engineer’s Report: Engineer Creagh provided a report on the following:

Pine Creek WWTP-Phase I Expansion: KLH Engineers is working with Global Heavy and Merit Electric on the final stages of the project, in preparation for closeout. There is an amount of \$50,000 remaining on the contract with Global Heavy. They are working on the final items on their punch list.

Merit Electric is working to complete the blower upgrade add-on portion of the project.

Longvue No. 2-Copper Study: KLH Engineers is working with MTSA on reviewing the magnesium hydroxide results, will await the start of the Aqua Aerobics cloth filter in February, and has Ovivo pilot study ready to start on March 14, 2025.

The test results will dictate the path that MTSA will need to follow. KLH Engineers has submitted a proposal for MTSA’s review and potential approval for the design/bid/construction phases of the potential Ovivo filter. KLH recommends that a set of bid plans and specifications be bid out simultaneously as the Ovivo pilot test so that a decision can be made at the end of the pilot study on whether to pursue it as a construction solution immediately.

2023 Grow Grant-Fox Ridge Plan: KLH Engineers is working with MTSA and ALCOSAN on reimbursement requests.

Chapter 94 Report: KLH Engineers has received information from MTSA and is working to complete the reports.

Executive Director’s Report: Mr. Youngblood reported on the following:

MTSA Development Operation-Update: Mr. Aufman reviewed the January Sanitary Sewer Permit and Tap Fee Summary Report with the Board. He submitted a copy of the current Development Project Report for January.

MTSA Field/Maintenance Operation Report: Mr. Richard reviewed the Field & Maintenance Operation Report with the Board.

MTSA Plant Operation Report: Mr. Bricker reviewed the Plant Operation Report with the Board.

Longvue No. 2 Plant Copper Committee: The Committee did not meet today because the Aqua Aerobics pilot test unit would not be starting up until later this week. KLH Engineers is keeping Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection informed on the progress of the NPDES permit renewal. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2025.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms: The Authority has received the Statement of Financial Interest Forms from the State Ethics Commission to be completed.

Maher Duessel Audit: Mr. Giancola reported that Maher Duessel, certified public accounting firm is in the process of starting the yearly audit.

Town of McCandless: Mr. Casey, liaison officer provided an update on agenda items being discussed at the Town of McCandless.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Recess to Reconvene: Mr. Forsey moved to recess to reconvene the February 6, 2025 Meeting to February 20, 2025, to discuss the proposal submitted by KLH Engineers for the Longvue 2 Wastewater Treatment Plant, seconded by Mr. Schon. The meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m. **Motion Carried.**