

## WATER/ WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: GCSED Large Conference Room or Blue Zoom

Date: August 4, 2021

Time: 12:00 P.M.

Attendees: Jason Tincu (GCSED), Randy Gilbert (GCSED), Alsu Shaydullina (GCSED), Mark Chandler (GCSED), Ken Stewart (GCSED), Deb Eisnaugle (GCSED), Amanda Borgert (GCSED), Rick Perales (BOCC), Alex Zaharieff (Beavercreek Twp), Carolyn Destefani (Sugarcreek Twp), Ed Amrhein (Beavercreek Twp), Jeff Moorman (Beavercreek), John Hopwood (Montgomery County), Mark Isaacson (GCCHD), Pat Turnbull (Centerville), David Swanson (Centerville), Carol Graff (Citizen)

**Call to Order:** Carolyn Destefani opening at 12:02 P.M.

**Introductions:** Committee introduced themselves. The minutes from April meeting approved by a unanimous vote.

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Mr. Tincu

- a. Updated Committee about the GCSED and current protocols for COVID 19
  - (i) Key Performance Indicator development in process
  - (ii) Ohio One Water Conference was last week
    1. Had several staff attend and a few presented
  - (iii) Employee Recognition Program
    1. Scheduled for October
    2. Will notify customers of office being closed for the specific time period.
  - (iv) State and National Funding Opportunities
    1. \$250 Million Grant Package HB168
      - a. Meant for Water & Waste Water Infrastructure

- b. Intend to nominate Hilltop Wellfield Project
- c. GC Engineer is facilitating for GC
- (v) GCSED is more efficient offering Hybrid meeting options.
- (vi) Post Covid Market
  - 1. Concerns for Materials & Labor, Supply Chain
  - 2. Project next 3-5 years to be tough due to extended lead times needed due to shortages caused by pandemic.

## 2. Mr. Chandler

- a. Revised IPP Regulations
  - (i) Required by EPA to update & review through sampling for local limits.
- b. Hydrant Program
  - (i) Mentioned how well the Beavercreek Township Fire Dept. is working well with limited disruptions.
- c. Emergency Response Program Updated
- d. Source Water Protection
  - (i) 2 monitoring wells should be installed.
  - (ii) Plan to install additional monitoring wells on Valley Rd.
- e. SWAP
  - (i) Meeting in September for overlayment plans
  - (ii) Now getting into Legislation and Authority
- f. Grease Trap Program
  - (i) We have had a big year on increased enforcement
  - (ii) Almost 450 grease interceptors
    - 1. Should be cleaned and reported quarterly
    - 2. Working with Health Department for enforcement
    - 3. Hope new program will help to clean up the FOG areas that are currently plaguing the system.

## 3. Mrs. Eisnaugle

- a. Briefed the Committee on Water Usage
  - (i) At this time, things are healthy and stable from a finance position.
    - 1. Discussed that there has been an increase of 5.16% in residential

2. Mentioned that Commercial usage decreased by 4.85%
- b. Payments for Services Rendered
    - (i) Based on the data it appears that customers are still able to pay their bills.
    - (ii) Informed Committee that our shut off amount is \$80.00 past due.
  - c. Loan Approvals for WSRLA
    - (i) Sponsored through Ohio Water Development Program
      1. 0% interest during design phase of project upon start of construction then interest is applied and locked in.
      2. AMI Project has moved to construction phase as of last week and locked in at an interest rate of less than half of a percent.
  - d. Forecasting
    - (i) Currently working with Stantec on forecasting future financial outcomes inputting the data for the Greene Forward Project as well for modeling helping to plan for potential future rate increases.
  - e. Additional information
    - (i) Currently planning for a post-Deb era through Transition Planning.
    - (ii) The Bill software company is sponsoring a paperless sweepstakes for those customers who move to e-billing between 7/1/2021 to 9/30/2021. Give away of \$250 visa gift card will be drawn in October.
4. Mr. Gilbert
- a. Presented Committee with Data showing growth in new customers over the last quarter.
  - b. There continues to be growth that is slightly above the predicted trend line.
  - c. Briefed the Committee on the current Projects
    - (i) Gave updated figures for active, stalled, and future projects both water and sewer side.
    - (ii) Informed Committee that we will have to have a consultant complete inspection(s) as we do not currently have enough staff for the number of projects.
    - (iii) Projects
      1. Tara Trail plans complete and at EPA then we will advertise.
      2. PW12 Complete and ready to advertise
        - a. Awaiting funding solution due to WSRLA operating procedures. (They do not meet in November)
      3. PW3 complete and ready to bid in approximately 3 weeks.

4. Water Side Suite of Projects

a. Is around \$58 million package

- i. We are trying to keep rates flat while still gaining a huge lift in our infrastructure.
- ii. We will be working on Waste Water side improvements after Water side improvements.

5. Corner Stone

- a. Connection is complete, but Backflow device is needed on Swigart Rd Meter before it can be opened.

(iv) Backflow Program

1. Implemented Tokay software to bring the program up to date and cleaning the data we have on file.
2. Next year, Plumbers will be able to access the system to enter the information for the backflows they inspect.

(v) Permitting

1. Working on creating a Permitting Program that will streamline the process for permits across jurisdictions or divisions.

5. Mr. Stewart

a. AMI project

- (i) Bid's opened Estimated \$10 million accepted Bid \$7.3 Million
- (ii) Agreement to be signed by BOCC 8/5/2021
- (iii) Pre-construction Meeting for 8/10/2021
- (iv) Roughly 8 months for Initial Deployment of Towers
- (v) 500 for sample and additional over time
- (vi) Should be fully implementation end of December 2022.

1. Staff will no longer have to drive around to collect all of the reads.
2. 98% will be automatic once up and running.
3. Customers will have access to an app that will show their usage.
4. We will be able to see monthly, weekly trends.

6. Mrs. Shaydullina Public Engagement Update

a. Actively updating Social Media

1. Creating Educational Posts
2. Main Break Advisories

- b. Updated the Water Quality Reports
- c. Working on Quarterly Newsletter
- d. Working on the Greene Forward Website
- e. Working on a Welcome Letter for customers
- f. Upcoming Events
  - 1. Greene County Fair
  - 2. Touch a Truck
  - 3. Beavercreek Popcorn Festival
  - 4. Airforce Marathon
  - 5. Having Beavercreek Beaver to come to Beavercreek Waste Water Plant for a give away in August.
- g. Grant Submission
  - 1. Submitted a Grant for OEEF/OEPA to create an Environmental Education program.
  - 2. Working with Beavercreek City schools currently.

## 7. Questions/Comments

Question #1: Are we working with Career Center?

Answer #1: We currently do not have a discipline specific agreement with them. A lack of labor could impact bid prices. GCSED plans to have Alsu reach out to Career Center.

Question #2: The areas that will be needed is GC willing to work with Career Center to create a program to meet this need?

Answer #2: Mr. Tincu will be meeting with Sinclair to talk about a water supply program. We have also created developmental positions to help with training needs.

Question #3: What does the staff needs look like over the next few years?

Answer #3: At this time, we have several staff eligible to retire in the next 36 months and if solutions are not created we will struggle.

Comment: Beavercreek Township has new zoning information that they will share with the committee dealing with EDA Overlay Highway and Business Overlay.

Comment: Mark Issacson asked for GCSED to reach out to him with specific high FOG concentration areas to improve enforcement of Grease Trap requirements.

Question #4: Is Wagner-Feedwire-Clyo project moving forward?

Answer #4: It is moving forward we are working with the Engineer's office on this project.

Question #5: Asked if the committee could have the slides ahead of the meetings.

Answer #5: Yes, we will try to send out slides to committee prior to meeting.

Suggestions: Advertise the changes to the permitting process. Mr. Zaharieff offers to send Mr. Tincu a company that has created a more “one-stop” permitting process that was receiving rave reviews for connecting various jurisdictions in one program for permits.

Question #6: Does customer get to pick their due date?

Answer #6: No, based on our billing software the date is the same for everyone.

Question #7: What is our water and sewer pipes made of?

Answer #7: Beaver creek pipes would be mostly made of ductile cast iron cement, some pvc lines, might have some cast iron cement with mortar lining, could have some HDPE in the water system sewer would mostly be clay, concrete or pvc. We are currently working on gathering data on our assets through our Asset Management Program.

Question #8: Notifications: How are customers notified?

Answer #8: Most of the time we have staff that will come to areas that are affected and notify in person or via a door hanger. We use Social Media and our Website as well. There are systems out there that could call or text, but we are working on updating our contact information for customers. With the new infrastructure projects, we will be proactively working to keep pipes in good repair.

Question #9: What is the life cycle for pipes?

Answer #9: The expected life cycle for pipes is 75 years depending on external factors or conditions.

Comment: Mr. Amerhein wanted to say thank you to GCSED for their help with the removing the log jams at the oxbow. They will be continuing to make modifications to allow people to use the river even if they have a low level of skill in that area.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for 12:00 P.M. on October 27, 2021

Adjourned: Ms. Destefani called to close the meeting at 1:11 P.M.