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BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

MARCH 8, 2012

**Board of Managers Present:** John Kelly, Chairman, Orleans; Martin McDonald, Eastham.

**Others Present:** Jay Burgess, Chief Operator; Cyndi Bachman, District Secretary.

1. Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m..
2. **A motion was made by Martin McDonald to approve the Board of Managers Minutes dated February 15, 2012. This motion was seconded by John Kelly and unanimously approved and passed.**
3. Discussion and approval of the FY13 Draft Budget was deferred to the next Board of Managers Meeting.
4. **Chief Operator Updates – Jay Burgess:**
  - **Process** – Nitrates are continuing to run below our permit levels. The latest total nitrogen was 32 mg/l which is within permit. All other nutrient numbers are in the single digits and well below permit level: phosphorus, total suspended solids, and BOD's.
  - **Maintenance** – Now that the sale is over we are back to tank cleaning. We are pumping down the septage and filtrate tanks. We are going to have to get a vactor truck and crew for the septage tanks, which will cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000. We will also need a vacuum tanker for the filtrate tanks, which will cost between \$750 and \$1,000 a day. We switched leads to the filter press and GBT and are preparing to make adjustments and repairs to the equipment that have been running since the beginning of last summer.
  - **Computers** – We had two hard drives fail last week within a couple of days of each other. One for the main computer for the SCADA process and one for the computer in my office. We were able to find a hard drive for the SCADA process from Cape Cod Computer in Harwich. They installed it and got all the information back from a spare computer. The cost was \$270. Cape Cod Computer recommended installing external hard drives on both computers, which I will do.

- **U.S.G.S.** – I talked to Peter Weiskel about the concerns of receiving their report by June. He said their goal is to have their report completed by June.
  - **DEP** – Brian Dudley sent me an e-mail letting me know we can go back to our regular lab testing schedule. He said he was going to send a letter confirming the same thing, but to take the e-mail as a verbal to stop the extra lab testing they required.
  - **Flow** – February flow as outstanding. We beat the average with over a million gallons, 1,021,000. The momentum seems to have continued into March. There were a lot of places that called for pumpings and the haulers just didn't have time to get to everyone, so the flow continues to come in.
  - **Ocean Edge** – When Bluewater Septic Service consolidated and went into bankruptcy, Wind River bought the rights to everything that was left over in their company after auction. A&B Canco, who Bluewater bought, purchased one of the juggler trucks at the auction, and so did Robert Our Septic Service. A&B Canco started pumping Ocean Edge and got a Cease and Desist Order last Thursday due to a five year non-compete clause with Bluewater. They were scheduled to go to court last Friday, but I have not heard anything as of yet. Ocean Edge was given the winter sale price through the end of March. They were probably half way through all of their pumpings when the Cease and Desist Order was issued.
  - **Bank Balances** – The District's bank balances are remaining steady. Prior to the winter sale I ran the numbers and we were at 10.25 cents a gallon on average. It costs us 9.7 cents to run the plant on average, so we were a little bit ahead before the sale. Certainly the sale will bring that down but in a couple of months we can get that back to over 9.7 cents. Last year at this time before the sale, we averaged 8.6 cents, almost a penny below what it costs to run the plant. We re definitely looking better than we did last year at this time when we were between \$40,000 and \$50,000 behind. Currently we are about \$4,0000 to \$5,000 behind on income versus expenses.
5. **A motion was made by Martin McDonald to approve Treasury Warrant No. 10 for payment. This motion was seconded by John Kelly and unanimously approved and passed.**

6. **Old Business:**

- John Kelly stated Charlie Sumner sent him an e-mail telling him he would not be able to attend today's Board of Managers Meeting. In his e-mail he also mentioned the request for special legislation to address the District's post-closure benefits, and said his Finance Committee has voted to support the language that Attorney Mike Ford prepared, and his Selectmen are voting on Monday night. I have given a copy to Sheila Vanderhoef, Eastham Town Administrator.
- Martin McDonald handed out a draft Article from Eastham regarding special legislation if the District were to dissolve.
- John Kelly stated the three towns all have the same language for special legislation. The Orleans Board of Selectmen have agreed to send it out and place it on our warrant for the annual town meeting.
- Martin McDonald stated Eastham has not voted on it yet.

7. **A motion was made by Martin McDonald to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m.. This motion was seconded by John Kelly and unanimously approved and passed.**

Respectfully submitted,



Cyndi Bachman  
District Secretary