



Bay Area Water Treatment Plant
 2701 N. Euclid Avenue
 Bay City, MI 48706

Bay Area Water Treatment Plant Technical Advisory Committee

November 5, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M. Bay Area Water Treatment Plant via *WebEx Meeting: 132 548 2490*

Partner	Member	Alternate
Charter Township of Bangor	Glenn Rowley	Karie Wardynski
City of Bay City	Bob Dion	Marty Jurish
Bay County Road Commission/ Department of Water & Sewer	Jim Lillo	Ed Rivet
Beaver Township	Steve Gray	Nick Tomczak
City of Essexville	Dan Hansford	Scott Wittbrodt
Frankenlust Township	Ron Campbell (Vice-Chairman)	Jim Begick
Fraser Township	George Augustyniak	Mark Galus
Charter Township of Hampton	Terri Close	Donna Samyn
Kawkawlin Township	Sam Davidson	Greg Petrimoulx
Merritt Township	Dave Schabel	Kathy Parrent
Charter Township of Monitor	Ken Malkin	Cindy Kowalski
City of Pinconning	Dawn Hoder	Yvonne Broderick
Charter Township of Portsmouth	Bob Pawlak	Kevin Kokaly
Charter Township of Williams	Paul Wasek (Chairman)	Tom Putt

1. Call to Order:

Chairman, P. Wasek called the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant Technical Advisory Committee to order at 9:03 a.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

2. Roll Call - Members Present:

Paul Wasek (Chairman)	Jim Lillo
Ron Campbell (Vice-Chairman)	George Augustyniak
Glenn Rowley	Dan Hansford
Terri Close	Bob Dion
Sam Davidson	Steve Gray

Alternates Present:

Ed Rivet	Marty Jurish
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Others Present:

Bill Bohlen	Ryan Goebel
Keri Christian	Jennifer Jones
William Schumacher	Kathleen Newsham

Christopher Girard
Alex Dewitt
Caitlyn French

Dana Muscott
Tim Botzau

Members Absent:

Bob Pawlak
Ken Malkin

Dawn Hoder
Dave Schabel

3. Approval of Minutes:

G. Rowley motioned; S. Davidson supported to approve the October 1, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Public Comment:

T. Close informed the Technical Advisory Committee that D. Hansford was having technical difficulties and was only able to hear the meeting. D. Hansford requested via text message that T. Close could correspond for him.

S. Gray motioned; J. Lillo supported to allow T. Close to communicate for D. Hansford via text messages due to technical difficulties. All ayes, motion carried.

*R. Campbell suggested that T. Close save all text messages from D. Hansford

City of Bay City 6th Ward Commissioner; Christopher Girard commented that he did not have all of the 2021 proposed budget details due to a meeting that was cancelled by the City of Bay City that was intended to explain the proposed bulk water rate increase. Residents are questioning the justification of the rate increase and are concerned.

City of Bay City Resident; Alex Dewitt expressed his concern about the lack of communication and transparency regarding utility rate increases. He stated that every little bit counts and that the Community he lives in is becoming irate because they are not getting any requested information about additional costs on their bills.

5. 2021 BAWTP Budget Approval:

Accounting Manager, K. Christian reviewed the 2021 BAWTP proposed budget. She explained the wholesale bulk water rate increase, capital improvement request and transmission fund. Director, B. Bohlen added that the 2021 proposed BAWTP budget was presented and distributed at the October TAC meeting and a detailed review of all line items was explained and discussed. All information and opportunities have been provided to TAC members and alternates.

S. Gray stated that the rate increase is unavoidable and that all expenses are justified. The TAC was established in order for all communities to be informed and for there to be transparent communication.

S. Gray motioned; Chairman P. Wasek supported to approve the 2021 BAWTP Proposed Budget. A roll call vote was taken; 64.37% Ayes; 35.57% Nays - Budget approved to be presented to the BCRC.

6. Superintendent/Director Report:

Director, B. Bohlen thanked the Committee for their continuous support and reminded the Committee that members and alternates are responsible to communicate meeting discussions and plant happenings to their communities.

Superintendent, R. Goebel reviewed lead and copper results. The City of Essexville's preliminary lead 90th percentile for the second half of 2020 result is 8 ppb (action level is 15 ppb). Essexville's removal of numerous lead service lines most likely helped reduce lead levels. The corrosion control treatment appears to be benefiting the entire Bay Area Water System. A majority of communities had lower lead and copper results than in 2019. Hampton Township's lead and copper samples are currently at the lab. T. Close added that Hampton Township has five lead service lines remaining and has contacted EGLE in attempt to go to reduced monitoring for 2021. All results are preliminary at this point of the process.

7. Appoint Vice-Chairman:

Chairman, P. Wasek will no longer be the Technical Advisory Committee Member representing Williams Township as of November 20, 2020. Vice -Chairman R. Campbell accepted the Chairman term through December 31, 2021 per the TAC Rules and Procedures.

S. Davidson motioned; T. Close supported that a verbal Vice-Chairman vote be taken due to P. Wasek leaving in short amount of time. All ayes; motion carried.

T. Close and G. Rowley were nominated for Vice-Chairman. T. Close declined; G. Rowley accepted the Vice-Chairman term through December 31, 2021.

8. Other Matters:

None

9. Public Comment:

J. Lillo stated that a 2021 budget has been proposed to finalize the design for the State Park Drive Project. This proposed budget will include removing lead service lines located on State Park Drive and the installation of new water lines. This three-mile project will involve the Drain Commission, Bangor Township and City of Bay City. Funding sources need to be discussed between all involved entities.

City of Bay City Resident; Alex Dewitt noted that the Technical Advisory Committee meetings are held at an inconvenient time of the day for many people. He suggested that the yearly budget be presented in a more open to the public format. S. Davidson offered to share any requested information needed to assist and inform. Director; B. Bohlen added that the Technical Advisory Committee makes recommendations that go before the Bay County Road Commission for approval per the Water Supply Agreement. B. Bohlen told Alex that he would bring him up-to-date on any WTP budget questions that he had.

City of Bay City Manager; Dana Muscott indicated that she has constituents that have questions about the WTP budget and requested that she be provided with a document of explanations of the rate increase.

S. Gray announced that he will no longer be the Technical Advisory Committee member representing Beaver Township. He thanked all of the members of the TAC and B. Bohlen for his devoted attention to details and communication skills.

10. Adjourn:

G. Rowley motioned, Vice-Chairman, R. Campbell supported to adjourn meeting at 10:09 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jones



WTP Administrative Assistant

Approved: 

Date: 12/10/20