

# **FAIRGROUNDS SEWER/WATER COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes**

June 26, 2013

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Gene Meier called the meeting to order.

### **II. Roll Call**

Attendees:

Sandy Youngbauer-Commissioner

Brad Koenig – RPA

Craig Jenneskens – RPA

Holly Phelps - Lewistown Public Works

Kevin Myhre-Lewistown City Manager

Faith Robertson-Fairgrounds Administrator

Mark Machler- Land owner

Ben Tuss – County Resident

### **III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:**

The Minutes were approved as amended.

### **IV. Open Issues:**

#### a). Mountain Acres

*Discussion:*

-Meier noted that the property has changed ownership so issues of camping agreements may be a mute point.

-Any change of ownership should be in County files (Youngbauer will look into this)

-Can horizontal bore under creek if the “sleeve” option does not work out.

-Myhre is working on the stream bank materials – Riprap vs. soft turf. DEQ & FWP prefer harder materials as the project is close to people and Myhre also prefers harder materials to hold the creek in its bank near the sewer plant.

-There is also the issue of fiber optic lines to be removed.

#### b). Bidding:

Meier had a written report from Tom Meissner but the subject was tabled until he could attend.

### **V. Old Business:**

#### a). Design of hoop-ups:

Myhre – need to plan the water and sewer systems together and consider a loop not just a straight line.

-Could keep 3” pipe for loop

Jenneskens and Koenig presented the current system design:

-3”, 6”, and 8” pipe from Crowley lane runs along Hwy 191 with 10” pipe to current dead-end.

-Some pipe lines have been abandoned

-The Fairgrounds is currently serviced with 3” pipe

-10” pipe is needed to reach the desired flow of 1,000/gal/minute. Currently the flow is 100/gal/min.

b). Public Awareness:

- Fair Display Booth
- Good map to display (Phelps will get map to Robertson for Fair)
  - Need picture of current system
  - Myhre will work with Jennekens and Koenig on this and use CAD
  - Youngbauer- Vosen will also print for this project
  - Show current and needed pipe

*Discussion:*

- Recruit plan for 1,000/gal/min for fire flow -the hydrant is a false security for fire
- Don't skimp on size of pipe- it equals decreased flow and pipe is not the highest price of the project.
- Water is big issue: Toilets don't flush; water must be hauled from outside source.
- Do the project right- so it can be presented to the public that this could last 100 years.
- The sanitarian will shut down the fair if there are sewer problems.
- Might help to tie into the trail system being planned to bring people on board.

c). Sewer line routing options: -Lines could run along the highway or cross Machler & Weeden land to the sewer plant.

- Myhre -The plan had been to gravity flow to the Fairgrounds and pressure back to the sewer plant.
- The plan in '95 included a 10" line from the corner of the Fairgrounds, around past the Trade Center and Grandstands and to the fire hydrant at the comfort station and stayed out of any pavement.
- Meier – The Commissioners are researching alternatives to paving.

*Discussion:*

- Running line on Machler land along South side of Crowley would add 2xs the length of pipe
- Pipe could run through Torgersens to the only connection.
- It would cost approximately \$750,000 to run pipe along the highway. It is cheaper to run in open fields (~\$600,000) where there are no utilities or driveways.
- Could save up to 1/4<sup>th</sup> the price running the pipe through the fields.
- 6,000' of 10" pipe can be fed with multiple 6" pipes to get desired flow.
- Smaller diameter pipe gives up ~ 200 gal/minute of fire protection.
- It is cheaper to run water and sewer together. Run lines parallel 10' apart.
  - Use same trencher
  - Have one engineer, contractor, and inspector for both.
- Recommend city owns main lines for continuity of maintenance and county owns lines on Fairgrounds.
- Connect to storm pond.
- Put both projects as RFP and see if anything falls out.

## VI. New Business:

- a). Health District's documentation of Current Septic System- Youngbauer  
Myher – there is little information at the Health district because permits weren't filed for work.  
-old septic tanks are pumped and filled with dirt and drain fields are abandoned.  
Youngbauer will contact the new sanitarian about septic locations.
- b). Sewer Line Physical parameters – discussed previously.

- c). Map of existing sewer vs. Proposed – done
- d). Planning grant dollars -Kathie Bailey was unable to attend.
- e). Ballots: General vs. Primary elections – Meissner was unable to attend.
  - Myhre- With city/county projects there are questions as to who takes the lead, hires contractors, applies for grants, etc.
  - If partner up, each apply to own applicable grants

**VII. Summary**

Next Steps:

- Pursue funding for Engineering reports – April – DNRC, CTEP (must be health & safety issue to handle emergency crowds), Rural Development.
- Participation from city with water main from water department side.
- City is also charged with mill levy.
- Go to community and ask for participation from water funds.
- Riverside addition may be able to pair-up with water.
- Waste water is easy argument for public safety:
  - Sewer perking to surface
  - Contamination risk due to proximity to creek
- Argument for fire safety isn't as likely to draw funds.
- Don't miss benchmarks for funding or another two years to start over.
- Work to get Mill Levy funds.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Chairman Gene Meier adjourned the meeting.

**IX. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, July 17, 2013

**X. Public Participation**

Mr. Benjamin Tuss addressed the Committee with project concerns including:

- Missing and inadequate information on the contour map.
- Questionable diligence in research/study by Great West Engineering
- Belief that the project cost is underestimated.

Mr. Tuss urged the Committee not to select Great West Engineering. “They may be low, but won't do it right. Copies of submitted correspondence are attached.

Myhre stated that engineers were selected based on qualifications and then price was negotiated.

Minutes submitted by: Faith Robertson

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_