

## Water Advisory Board Meeting- 3/18/26

### Present:

Roger Huth  
Daniel Early  
Jeff Sanders  
Rich Guimond  
Butch Rasmussen  
Lou Ostendorff  
Don McGuire  
Sally Belangia  
Chris Moffat  
Diane Miller

On the phone: Harry Bailey

### Absent:

Steve Drew  
Nick Wilhelm

Valves: Bids were received 3/12/26 and opened as it was the second solicitation. Bids were: Military & Federal Construction Company, Inc. \$956,131.00; A.C. Schultes of Carolina, Inc. \$859,312. Concern that the difference is solely on the paving portion of the contract. In every other line, M&F is lower, with significantly higher (and frankly-no comparables to be found) paving. If the paving costs were nearer those submitted by Schultes, the M&F bid would be lower. Diane confirms that you cannot negotiate with one until one is chosen and we are bound by the "lowest responsive, responsible" bid.

Nick is looking into this and the potential to negotiate and try to get the comparison to apples to apples.

Booster Station design: Daniel and Harry would prefer that we move forward with THE SPACE that was asked for in the building for chemical dosing, but WITHOUT design for chemical dosing. Nick: How does this affect the timeline for design completion? The original problem was pressure and flow into Dolphin Point and residuals. With significant building, we are putting far less water on the ground to pull the residuals to where they need to be. Pressure and flow still an issue, but we are pumping uphill and then into multistory structures. Also concerned with cost of operation and maintenance.

Harry is in contact with Jamie Midyette trying to find another plant that is boosting AFTER the tower. All that he is currently familiar with are those boosting INTO the tower. Nick: Are you familiar with any?

WTP upgrades/renovation: New sampling has been sent to Nick for incorporation into design. Fairly long discussion on "these were the original problems we were trying to correct" and now we should be taking into account the CURRENT conditions of the system. Where we once were high in manganese and iron from the wells, we currently are not. Fairly long discussion on main points of discussion on WTP reno- removing the salt and outside tanks outside to reduce interior corrosion, redoing the chemical rooms which are failing, etc. Replacing the aerator. Discussion on- if we are removing/replacing the aerator, can we include the scrubber that removes the smell when we are processing water? Anthracite and turbidity seems higher than it should be- is our process what it should be? Do we need to change

the process? We switched to chloramines to reduce byproducts- do we consider switching to chlorine?  
Harry thinks we should consider- Daniel and Jeff do not.

Last set of draft paperwork is out for comment on our new permit- we'll still have to wait and see if our  
fines will be stopped in full and if those already paid might be returned.