Oriental Water Advisory Board

Friday, October 10, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Nick Wilhelm (phone), Rich Guimond (phone), Daniel Early, Steve Drew, Jeff Sanders, Butch Rasmussen, Commissioner Bonnie Crosser and Allen Price, Manager Miller, Residents: Greg Bohmert.

1. Water Plant Rehabilitation Project.
   TRC, Nick Wilhelm, provided an update to the design status: Working on a cost benefit analysis to compare a remodel solution to a prefab building and components solution. The remodel solution will address the replacement of components inside the current structure; with the possible relocate of the brine tank. The prefab solution will provide for a new building with the components installed at the factory, allowing for a seamless transition. There is additional land surrounding the plant to allow for this type of solution. The initial prefab discussion centered around a solution offered by EFI Solutions.

   • TRC to have the analysis complete by October month end.
   • Town moving forward with the replacement of the Mixer.
   • Contract for consulting services for Mr. Baily approved by Board.

2. Booster Station. Similar to the Water Plant, TRC, Nick Wihlem, working on a cost benefit analysis to compare a prefab building with components installed onsite by various vendors to a complete prefab solution for building and components installed at the factory. The initial prefab discussion centered around a solution offered by EFI Solutions.

   • TRC to have the analysis completed by first half of November.

3. Valve Replacement. Design submitted to DWI, DEQ, and NCDOT. Moving to Bid Phase.
   - DWI approved TRC to define next steps.
   - TRC verifying if additional permitting is required.
   - Decision to address hydrants and additional piping which may be required.
   - Discussion on RFF revisions for additional items. Manager Miller recommendation is to increase the RFF to equal direct funding (Grant) amount. Open item – is the need for looping in the cul-de-sacs.

   TRC to provide status when the project has moved to the Bid Phase.

Copper Issue.

- September 2025 testing limits slightly outside of test limits 2.0 – limit is 1.85.
- Completed the Three-Year Drinking Water Test - 10 sites, all tested above 90% - which speaks to our water quality.
- Continue with DEQ regarding are expired Permit. Mr. Baily continues his efforts to bring a resolve to this outstanding issue and resolution with the NOVs.

Prepared by: Commissioner Bonnie Crosser