

LEWES BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Mutual Aid Workshop
September 21, 2021

The Tuesday, September 21, 2021, workshop of the Lewes Board of Public works was held at 3:00 P.M. in City Hall Council Chambers.

1. WELCOME, CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lee called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members

D. Preston Lee, P.E.
Richard Nichols
A. Thomas Owen
Thomas Panetta
Earl Webb

Ex-Officio Members

Theodore Becker, Mayor
Austin Calaman, General Manager
Michael Hoffman, Legal Counsel

Others

Sharon Sexton, Executive Assistant
Hans Medlarz, Sussex County
Todd Lawson, Sussex County
Councilman Schaeffer

3. REVISIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

4. WORKSHOP- Discussing mutual aid opportunities with Sussex County (Hans Medlarz).

Mr. Calaman stated that the Board will be discussing the capabilities of mutual aid. The Lewes BPW currently has mutual aid abilities with DEMEC and for wastewater assistance the BPW calls Mr. Medlarz who assists with the change of flow. Mr. Calaman stated that he would like to create an agreement to mitigate risks through setting up allotted equipment resources, staffing for emergency situations, and ability to utilize the county's T & M contract. Mr. Calaman would like to consult the county for upgrades and experiences they have had with clogging. Mr. Medlarz would like to discuss what the BPW is looking for and what the county can offer.

Mr. Medlarz would like to discuss three existing agreements. Mr. Calaman stated that the BPW currently has an agreement with Sussex County, that is utilized for Oyster Cove. The BPW has areas that are coming to fruition: the Orchard, extension of Ritter Lane, and parcels on Gils Neck. The county stops service at the railroad track. There are a lot of projects coming to fruition and at a point where the Board must decide if they will pursue all projects or to adjust CPCN. With several of these projects, the BPW would only serve sewer and it is based off water consumption. With Tidewater being the water provider, this creates a new dilemma: creating a rate that covers cost but not tied to consumption.

Mayor Becker questioned which properties on Gils Neck would be asking to connect to Showfield. Mr. Medlarz stated that the service boundary agreed long before Mr. Calaman and Mr. Medlarz. Mayor Becker stated that he understands where the parcels are in the Orchard and Ritter Lane, but questions where the Gils Neck parcels are located.

Mr. Medlarz stated that there is a wastewater service agreement with BPW and the county and has been amended a few times. There is an agreement for Biosolids that is working well. There is one application construction agreement would need to be expanded to a multiple location agreement. The use of a third party could create liability issues and referred to Mr. Hoffman. President Lee questioned if the third-party would-be George and Lynch? Mr. Medlarz stated that it could be but does not necessarily have to be.

Mr. Medlarz stated that the newest aid agreement is with the town of Bridgeville and one with the town of Seaford. These cities can call and utilize equipment when needed: vac truck, septic trucks, tankers, and tractor trailers. Mr. Medlarz stated that the county has more trucks than CDL drivers. The equipment is stationed in different locations. Mr. Medlarz stated the county also has a series of diesel pumps, on standby. Mr. Medlarz stated that the mutual aid will state that the county gets reimbursed based on union contract, benefit rates. Mr. Medlarz stated that the agreement must be careful in phrase and determined on a need case by case basis because of the perception of undercutting private basis. The intent is for the county to be available as needed.

President Lee stated that BPW has less equipment and manpower than the county. Mr. Medlarz stated that he understands that one lane is more travelled than the other.

Mr. Panetta questioned if all county workers are in a union and if it presents a problem. Mr. Medlarz stated that mixing union and non-union is not an issue. Ideal for emergency use. Mr. Calaman stated that the county can be here faster and can bring equipment faster than Inframark out of town employees. BPW has already utilized the county, and this is formalizing the agreement.

Mr. Nichols questioned if any of the county staff were licensed for wastewater treatment. Mr. Medlarz stated that the county has plus or minus one operator on the union team and four licensed operators in management.

Mr. Webb thanked the county for aiding the BPW at the last emergency and believes that formalizing this agreement is due. Mr. Medlarz stated that the equipment was purchased just for that reason and has been used by many cities when needed.

Mr. Webb questioned what the process is to come together and formalize the agreement. Mr. Medlarz stated that a draft agreement should be put together. Mr. Calaman stated the purpose of this meeting was to get the consensus of the board and what they would like to get out of the agreement.

Mr. Panetta questioned if a county operator come in without DNREC approval. Mr. Medlarz stated that each facility has a direct responsible charge. Mr. Calaman stated that this is Richard Plack for BPW. The BPW has the ability to change the DRC at any time. Anyone who steps in must operate under DRC. Mayor Becker questioned if Inframark would want to allow someone from the county to come in and take over operations. President Lee stated that the Board does not want that, but to have the county come in and work under Inframark and more about having a second operator if there was any emergency.

Mr. Medlarz stated that there must be an operator onsite, properly licensed. If the relief was not able to come in, then it is mandatory to stay. President Lee questioned if the typical person to arrive is union or management. Mr. Medlarz stated that if it is a single shift to be covered, then a manager would be asked. If a week is needed, then the county would assign an operator. Mr. Medlarz stated that the county ran Bridgeville for over a year under their permit.

Mr. Webb questioned how hard it is to get a licensed operator in this area. Mr. Medlarz explained that a county operator was offered a job by Rehoboth. Mr. Webb stated that it should be written into the mutual aid agreement. Mr. Medlarz stated that the higher you get on license class, the harder it is. License four is the highest and hardest to get, Richard Plack is this. Mr. Medlarz stated most of their operators are license four. Unlicensed or level one is relatively easily obtained. Mr. Medlarz stated that it is more difficult to find laboratory technicians because of competition with enviro Corp and they pay.

Mr. Webb questioned how long it takes a level one to get to level four. Mr. Medlarz stated that it is a six-year process. Mr. Nichols questioned what the minimum requirement at BPW plant is. Mr. Calaman stated that the capacity of the plant requires four operators and they do not all have to be level four operators. Mr. Medlarz stated that there must be a level four DRC and lesser licensed people must have availability to call DRC by phone at all times.

Mr. Webb questioned what compensation range a level four operator would be. Mr. Medlarz stated that a level four operator that retired of 25 years was at \$70,000. To get a team of four together, plan for a few months' recruitment.

Mr. Medlarz stated that labor and equipment is the first part of the mutual aid agreement. The second part is movement flow from point A to point B. The county has this agreement in place now with Rehoboth, where the flow can move part of the flow to Wolfe neck. That bidirectional

component is written into the agreement. President Lee stated that there is a 6" handoff. Mr. Medlarz stated that the 6" can handle 400,000 gallons per day. If there was an emergency than that flow can go to the county as opposed to the plant. The BPW would then be responsible for flow to lift station four. President Lee stated that Pump station four receives 2/3 of the flow. Mr. Calaman stated that in case of emergency the county's flow can be cut off to help.

Mr. Medlarz reviewed the history as to why it is not bidirectional. The clay sewer line was dated to the 30s and 40s, from the railroad track to the bridge. The county had no preference as to whether the pipe was ran all the way to the pump station or discharged at the track. The decision was made because of the condition of the line and the condition of the laterals to discharge at the track. It would take a bit of modification to the piping configuration to make bidirectional. In Rehoboth, they are all triangular in shape. County can move 500,000 gallons around in 30 minutes. County paid for it once but not obligated to upgrade to bidirectional.

Mr. Webb stated that the BPW has had issues with pump station four and questioned if there should be a pipe goes directly to pump station four or directly to the WWTP. Should there be one or two solutions? Mr. Medlarz stated that there is a partial solution or full solution. Partial solution is to take the pipe from pump station four to tie in location and put right valving in place. Mr. Calaman stated that there are two regionals, eight and four. Both of those goes directly to the plant and into the EQ tank. If four goes for any reason, there is not a mitigation plan in place. Mr. Calaman stated that if eight goes have the ability to bypass the facility but would have to run piping above ground.

Mr. Owen asked for clarification. Mr. Calaman stated that there two regionals, eight and four. If four goes, where do you send the flow? The flow has nowhere to go. Mr. Panetta stated that the downside from going from the WWTP is that if four does go down, the flow has nowhere to go. Mr. Medlarz stated in order to make the solution wholistic, BPW must create a way to connect the two pieces and have the ability to go both ways. The county has tie ins at Wolfe Point and Showfield that connects to the 30". Mr. Medlarz stated that it is BPW preference.

Mr. Medlarz stated that Councilman Schaffer wanted to attend the meeting. Mayor Becker called Councilman Schaffer.

Mr. Owen questioned where pump station eight was located. Mr. Calaman stated that it was located on American Legion Road on the corner of Savannah Road. This handles the beach side. President Lee stated that if there was a problem now, the BPW would have to pump out of the wet well on pump station four and run a pipe down the road to a tie in. Mr. Medlarz stated that an emergency bypass would be needed, and the county would provide a diesel pump and have enough to get it there. That configuration would also be needed at Wolfe Point.

Mr. Owen questioned if there was a bidirectional at that connection where the flow would go. Me. Calaman stated that instead of going to the plant it would go to the pump station at Wolfe Point. Mr. Owen questioned if the pipe that brings the flow into four would have a valve and

redirect the flow. Mr. Medlarz stated that the lower flow, couple hundred thousand gallons, would ride through the county's pump station and the higher flow would tie into the 16" line.

Mr. Medlarz stated it is up to the Board to decide what they want, and the engineers can plan.

Mr. Webb questioned if this would have solved the spill of 2019. Mr. Medlarz stated that it would have mitigated it by 66%. Mr. Webb questioned if this issue was pump station four, pump station eight, or at the plant. Mr. Medlarz stated that it was four. Mr. Webb questioned what would happen if four and eight were working and something happens to the plant. Mr. Calaman stated that 2/3 of the flow could be taken away. Mr. Medlarz stated that if 2/3 of the flow had been taken away it would not have become a runaway.

Mr. Webb questioned the timing and the numbers to complete this project. Mr. Medlarz stated that to make two piping changes would be about three months. Mr. Calaman questioned how long for the full back up. Mr. Medlarz stated two years.

Mr. Owen questioned if the system would run the same and this is an equipment upgrade. Mr. Medlarz stated that the full reversal would require more action and a lot more dollars. Permitting and right away are two big items that can hold up a project. If not committed to the project, it can drag out for years.

Mr. Panetta stated that the BPW needs an engineering study to compare risk cost benefit and various options. Mr. Panetta suggested that money should go into upgrading the pump stations so that they are reliable. Mr. Panetta stated that if the systems were designed as backups, then that would have been great. President Lee stated that the BPW has the pump stations and an old pipe that runs under the canal to the treatment plant that he worries about being hit.

Mr. Calaman stated that the city has a mitigations team, and they discuss these instances when there are failures and reactions. What is the backup plan? Mr. Medlarz stated that there is a lot of money around and has never seen the funding levels like this before. Mr. Medlarz stated that the analysis is needed to make a decision: consequence of failure and likelihood. Mr. Medlarz stated that he had spilled millions of gallons in the St. Jones and is no stranger to failure. Milford put together a backup system which uses two ways to get out. There is some redundancy but does not come cheap and difficult to build.

President Lee stated that it would be relatively inexpensive to the repair on the pipe down and do the configuration at the pumping station. BPW will know where the flat pipe and diesel generator is and is readily available. It provides a lot of protection.

Mr. Medlarz stated that from the generator on site, BPW could run pipe from one quick disconnect to another disconnect. This would be a couple of hours as opposed to bringing in equipment to set up. The big station in Dover near legislative hall, has permanently piped connection points. Mr. Medlarz would haul in the diesel and make connections within five

minutes. There would need to be a portable diesel pump or permanently station one near the generator. Mr. Owen confirmed that another pump is needed.

Mr. Webb stated what are the chances that two pumps went down at pump and suction went bad at pump station four. Mr. Webb stated that this is like an insurance plan and the BPW would be crazy not to have an insurance plan. Mr. Owen agrees.

Mr. Calaman questioned what the ballpark cost for a permanent generator. Mr. Medlarz stated that the pump station four solution would be around \$250,000 and could be implemented under 2 hours. Mr. Webb questioned what the cost would be for the higher end solution for that location. Mr. Medlarz stated that permanent piping would be installed, diesel pump hooked up to permanent underground pipe, and make the connection at the other end.

Mr. Webb stated that the difference is 2 hours or 15 minutes response time. Mr. Webb questioned if the quarter of million-dollar solution has lost money if upgraded later. Mr. Medlarz stated that the BPW would not need the temporary pipe or quick disconnect and lose \$75,000.

Mr. Nichols stated that this does not solve the issue of the pipe under the canal not working. Mr. Medlarz stated that the flow is not even get that far because of bypass. Mr. Panetta stated that the flow would go from pump station four to the county. Mayor Becker stated that this ignores other side of canal. Mr. Medlarz stated that the entire east southern side hangs on one crossing by Harpoon Hannah's. There are thousands of connections for commercial businesses. This is a critical point of failure with catastrophic consequences. There is now a second pipe under the ditch, and only uses one at a time.

Mr. Webb questioned the county's ability to take flow from the BPW, on Labor Day weekend for example. Mr. Medlarz stated that the Wolfeneck facility has a tremendous amount of storage.

Mayor Becker stated that public perception has not been discussed and if equipment is run superficial then BPW is opening up to criticism. Mr. Owen stated that the higher end solution was all underground and the least expensive option is putting on the ground. Mayor Becker stated that if a pipe is run across the trail, then the fallout from the public is going to be ugly. Mr. Owen stated that it would be the opposite side of the trail.

Multiple conversations carried on about clarification of location and difference in services. President Lee stated the Board needs to only hold one conversation at a time.

Mr. Medlarz stated that the pipe must be on the side where the water is not. Mayor Becker questioned whether the water was on the residential side or the canal side. Mr. Owen stated that it must be ten feet apart. Mr. Calaman will check the plans but believes water is on the canal side. Mayor Becker stated that it is better to be underground than above ground. Mr. Owen stated that the Board should look at the cost.

Mr. Webb questioned, again, the cost of the more complex project. Mr. Medlarz stated that he did not give one. Mr. Medlarz stated a range of a million dollars. Mr. Panetta stated that this includes repaving the road, trenching, cross every single service line, etc. Mayor Becker stated that it is a big job but the better way to go. Mr. Webb stated that it is not a choice. Mr. Medlarz stated the estimate was for construction cost, and that these are not difficult engineering jobs.

Mr. Calaman stated that the purpose of this meeting was to sit down and have these discussions and at this point Hans is a consultant and resource.

Mr. Medlarz gave a recap for the councilman.

Mr. Medlarz stated that it will not change who customers pay their bill too, just where the flow goes. Mayor Becker stated that the BPW would have to pay the county.

Mr. Webb questioned three solutions: individual solution for pump station four, pump station eight, and the plant. Mr. stated that if the inflow is removed then a plant solution is not needed. Could possibly hybrid. For the full solution the BPW would need to take the pipe all the to Wolfe point entrance and make it larger.

Mr. Webb questioned what the next steps are. Mr. Calaman stated that the mutual aid including the equipment and labor, will develop with legal counsel. Action on pump station four would need a consultation with Mr. Medlarz, GMB, and whoever the Board wants to utilize. Mr. Calaman stated that it is the will of the Board to decide if a study is needed to mitigate risk of pump station four and eight. How in depth does the BPW want to be?

President Lee stated that the BPW has the ability to do away with the treatment plant, if whole system done, but extremely expensive. Mr. Calaman questioned the capacity of county. Mr. Medlarz stated today, no. Mr. Panetta stated that Wolfeneck does not have infiltration rates in the winter. Mr. Medlarz stated that the county has a seasonal limitation. The BPW alleviates these limitations.

Mr. Medlarz stated that given the choice between a land treatment system and NPEDS permit, he would choose the permit.

Mr. Medlarz used Milton as an example. Milton is no longer owned by Milton, but Tidewater. Tidewater had proposed alternate treatment plant, from currently flooded to higher ground. Tidewater will change the elevation of three to elevation thirty. Tidewater will run the pipe all the way back to the discharge point. That would be a couple million dollars to get water from point A to the plant and back.

Mr. Webb used map to point out the plant and questioned area on the other side of the bridge. Mayor Becker stated that this is all DNREC owned land. Mr. Webb stated that he would build there with direct water access. Mr. Panetta stated that he attended a webinar and the current 100 year forecast are more like 40-80 year. Mr. Webb stated that with that in mind the facility

should be taken out tomorrow. Mr. Panetta stated that it is already there and should mitigate until decided what to do in the long term. Mr. Webb stated that BPW should start thinking long term. Mr. Panetta agrees and thinks next step would be to put down what potential solutions are.

Mr. Medlarz stated that improved pump station reliability from the discharge side and the operational side does not buy you backup on plant failure side. This option mitigates one loss and other mitigates two losses. Mr. Panetta stated that it only mitigates one and a half because everything will still flow from the beach side to the plant. Mr. Panetta stated that it reduces the impact but does not resolve it.

Mr. Webb stated that pump station four is the pump station where the flow is coming in and is not a half solution. Mr. Owen agrees that this does mitigate the issues. Mr. Panetta stated that this does not mitigate failure of the pipe under the canal. It does allow time to recover but a second pipe will still be needed.

Mr. Medlarz stated that there is a cascade involved. If the plant is a 10-year location, then do not put the pipe in. But if plant is 100-year facility, then put the second pipe in. Life expectancy should drive any and all decisions. Mr. Panetta agrees.

Mr. Panetta stated that the BPW is conducting study on the plant and flooding, what the limiting aspects are, and how it can be mitigated. Mr. Webb questioned how the elevation certificates look. Mr. Calaman stated that they were wrong and need to be fixed. The lowest spot in the plant is the drying beds. If there is an event, the plant would not be pouring. Mr. Calaman stated that in his opinion he would connect to the county first, and discuss second line, second. If the plant was hit with a hurricane, then the plant would be in a serious predicament. If plant goes down, where to send the flow is the question. Mr. Calaman stated that if plant is staying where it is, then put second line in. Connecting with the county would solve two-thirds of the problem. Panetta disagrees that this would fix two-thirds of the problem. Mr. Webb stated that this would divert two-thirds of the waste. Mr. Owen stated that the second pipe is not going to work. Mr. Panetta stated the board needs to look at what the faults are and strengthening the pump station. Mr. Panetta stated that the pipe under the canal is old and what will happen if someone drags and anchor across it. Mr. Owen agrees but thinks the first item to deal with pump station number four. The turnaround back to the county gives us safe for now at a reasonably low cost. Getting pump station 4 under control is the priority.

Mr. Panetta looks at this from a nuclear perspective and stated the public would not be happy with reducing two thirds nuclear emissions. Mr. Webb stated that this is sewage and not rocket science and that would solve the problem the BPW recently had. Mr. Medlarz stated that the dispersion of the pollutant is 1/3 less material: exposure is less.

Mr. Webb stated that for a million dollars to solve two thirds of potential error would be a no brainer. President Lee stated that the pipe under the canal would take 100 percent across. Medlarz stated that the pipe on Gills Neck has a 500,000-gallon capacity. Mr. Webb stated that

Lewes was fortunate that what happened in New Jersey and New Orleans did not happen here. Mr. Medlarz stated that it would have been turned it off.

Mr. Medlarz stated that the board needs to look at the cost benefit and does it make sense. Are these projects cost effective and sustainable? Mr. Webb questioned if this project seems cost effective to Mr. Medlarz. Mr. Medlarz stated that yes, it is, from pollutant standby and he has a higher threshold for emergency repair.

Mr. Webb questioned if Mr. Medlarz would do the backup for pump station four. Mr. Medlarz stated that he would 100% do the backup for pump station four. Mr. Medlarz stated that if there is good assets management and good preventative measurements in place, then the board can stand with a clean conscience before the public.

Mr. Webb questioned if the county could manage the BPW wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Medlarz stated that with appropriate notice. Mr. Medlarz would have to go to county council to authorized putting a proposal together to operate the facility. The county is interested in 100% up time. The difference between county and the staff the BPW hires, is that the staff that is hired is interested in profits and not in tune with up time.

Mr. Webb questioned what the county has in place with Rehoboth. Mr. Medlarz stated that the county can move well over half a million gallons back and forth. Mr. Calaman stated that Rehoboth operates its own facility. Mr. Medlarz stated that Rehoboth had asked at one point for the county to run the facility, but then Rehoboth hired the county's staff.

Mr. Owen stated that he would like to focus on pump station four, the "turnaround" and the pump station itself. Mr. Hoffman stated that consensus to direct staff is what is needed at this time. Councilman Schaeffer questioned the amount of flow that could be taken to the glade today. Mr. Medlarz stated that it is currently one directional and new pipe would be needed in the ground. Councilman questioned the capacity to accept the flow. Mr. Medlarz stated that not forever because of seasonal limitations, but for a good amount of time. The limitations are bridged by allowing flow to go through the discharge point here. The county signed an agreement with the Lewes BPW because limitations are weather dependent and needed a place to discharge.

Councilman Schaeffer questioned what the county would need to do to take all the flow and the BPW to close the WWTP. Mr. Medlarz stated that the county would buy the NPDES permit. The permit is the vehicle to the solution.

Mr. Webb questioned what comes out of the county plant and is it the same water quality that comes out of the BPW's plant. Mr. Medlarz stated that it is not because the county has a land treatment system permit. The county would like to be a part of the discussion should the board discuss the facility location. The county has a 20-year plan to keep capacity ahead. The ability to send flow to Lewes is so vital to the county's system. Mr. Webb questioned the water that is sent to the BPW is not a quality that could go into the canal or if was sent to the BPW facility

first could it go into the canal. Mr. Medlarz stated that it does not work that way. A pipe would need to be laid directly to the filtration facility. It is doable but not economical.

Mr. Webb questioned what Mr. Medlarz would say to fear of the county taking over the BPW plant. Mr. Medlarz stated that the county cannot take over because the BPW owns permit and plant. Mr. Hoffman stated that this is his understanding.

Mr. Medlarz stated that he will be back with a draft agreement for the board to consider and sit down to discuss options for pump station four.

Mr. Medlarz review the third component of the mutual aid: utilization of facilities. Duplication of facilities cost nothing but money. BPW has the ability to send flow for the city portions of Showfield flow to county by gravity and connections are already built in. Looking at the map, there is a parcel that Showfield has not purchased but makes sense to add to the agreement.

Mayor Becker stated that there is already a sewer line out to the Smith house on gills neck road. Mayor Becker questioned if the county picks up the wastewater from the Smith house. Mr. Calaman stated that there is only water no sewer, but the infrastructure is there. Mr. Calaman stated that we would serve them water and electric.

Oyster cove and the Orchard would be an extension of the agreement. At Ritter Lane, the county has gravity at railroad track. These are items on agenda for Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Mayor Becker stated that serving this property concerns him because it appears to be landlocked, but actually is not. The city has great interest in annexing this property. The only reason the County entertains serving Ritter Lane is because it is 10 feet deep and can be served by gravity. Mr. Medlarz stated that if there are not 250 paying customers, he would not run another pump station. The orchard is a nuisance to the county. For the county to do a remediation project for 700 is the same administrative effort for 30.

Mayor Becker questioned if the county is already in Nassau Grove with a gravity system. There is a pump station at this location. Mayor Becker stated that the county would be getting 131 houses and 10 houses being developed. The county does not want 10 houses. Mayor Becker stated that they will be coming with the property. The 10 lots would have to petition to come in.

Mr. Calaman stated that the BPW currently serves Oyster Cove, 26 units. If it is the Board's will to serve Oyster Cove, a rate will need to be determined. Mr. Panetta questioned Mr. Medlarz if the county's wastewater is tied to water. The county wastewater is not tied to water rate. Mr. Medlarz stated that 40,000 customers are not metered. Mr. Owen questioned if there is a direct charge for the sewer. Mr. Medlarz stated that it is just a charge. 80% of the county's expenses are fixed expenses and do not fluctuate with flow.

Mr. Webb questioned that if something is in the BPW area, would the county serve if the BPW prefers that. Mr. Medlarz stated that the county would only serve with readily available infrastructure already in place. The agreement speaks to that.

Mr. Calaman stated that the BPW will have to do all the administration leg work. The county would bill in taxes, and the BPW would bill monthly as a loan. If it is the will of the Board to serve, then a rate is needed. The ready to serve rate would be \$75.50 on a 5/8 meter. Tidewater serves the water. Mr. Calaman stated that this discussion has been had in the past, and the cost is not appealing.

The consensus is to have Mr. Medlarz, Mr. Calaman, and legal counsel put together the mutual aid agreement. Mr. Medlarz stated the Board needs to consider the mapping animalities.

Mr. Medlarz stated that the agreement states the county participates on a full proportional basis within the upgrades of the facility which are reliability related. The county is interested as much as the BPW in 100% uptime.

5. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: *Mr. Webb motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Owen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

President Lee adjourned the meeting at 4:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Sexton
Executive Assistant