

## **DEER CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN AUTHORITY**

### **Regular Meeting December 21, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Deer Creek Drainage Basin Authority was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Authority office located at 945 Little Deer Creek Road, Russellton, Pennsylvania, with some Board members and professionals attending via zoom.

#### **Call Meeting to Order**

Mr. Esposito called the meeting and asked Mrs. Biery to call the roll. Board members present: Mr. Plesh, Mrs. Deluca, Mr. Simonetti, Mrs. Krally, Mr. Esposito and Mr. Higgins. Board members absent: Mr. Coluccio and Mr. Drischler. Also present: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Sprung, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Biery and Mr. Vancheri.

#### **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2020.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Higgins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2020.  
Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Accountant's Report**

Mr. Vancheri presented the Operating Accounts Receipts & Expenses and Funds Available & Debt Obligations Reports for the period ending November 30, 2020 a copy of which had been distributed to the Board.

Mr. Vancheri reviewed the proposed budget for 2021 and noted that an adjustment was made to the AVJSA Treatment charge that more accurately represents what the charge will be. He explained that, at this time, the budget does not include a rate increase. Once the bonds are issued and it is determined what additional revenue will be needed, the rates will be increased and the budget will be amended.

MOTION was made by Mr. Higgins and seconded by Mrs. Krally to approve the budget for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

There were no tap or assessment payments received since the last Regular Meeting on November 16, 2020.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. DeLuca to approve the Treasurer's Report and paid bills for the month of November 2020.  
Motion carried unanimously.

## **Solicitor's Report**

### *AVJSA Expansion*

Mr. Brown informed the Board that he, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Sprung, Mr. Esposito and Mrs. Biery participated in a Zoom Joint Project Cost conference with AVJSA. They have received an extension on their consent order to move ahead with expansion. Their timetable is, they are hoping to solicit invitations to bid early next year and receive those bids which would be due sometime in March. That would give them time to examine the bids in early March, which would trigger the 120 day hold period under the Lump Sum Agreement. Assuming these bids are considered suitable, that would put DCDBA's 90 day financing window between April and June. Closing on the Bond Issue would occur sometime in middle of summer so that DCDBA can make the required Lump Sum payment for its share of the project to AVJSA. The amount the rates will need to be increased won't be known until a bid is accepted. The Board will need to decide what DCDBA projects it wants to include in this financing.

## **Executive Session**

MOTION was made by Mrs. Krally and seconded by Mr. Plesh to move the meeting into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:57 p.m. and Mr. Esposito said the Executive Session concerned personnel matters.

## **Engineer's Report**

### *DEP Response to Sanitary Sewer Model and Calibration Report*

Mr. Schmitt reviewed DEPs response relative to the Authority's flow monitoring report with the Board. Since the original report was filed, the situation with the first manhole out of the pump station was reexamined and it has been determined that the hydraulics at that manhole is the cause of overflow under extreme storm conditions. Modification to the entrance into the pump station with a new diminutor chamber and existing capacity in the lines will address this problem. The Board has already approved this modification and a permit will be applied for in the near future. An explanation and clarifications for the four items will be provided to DEP. The existing system still has substantial capacity for growth.

### *Rich Hill Pump Station Stair Replacement*

Mr. Schmitt reviewed the quotes for the Board. Mrs. Biery reported that Mr. DeBaldo, for cleaning and maintenance purposes, prefers the plate steps.

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mr. Higgins to award the Rich Hill Pump Station galvanized steel stair replacement to Greco Steel at a cost of \$19,531.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

None.

**Supplemental Meeting**

MOTION was made by Mr. Plesh and seconded by Mrs. Krally to cancel the Supplemental Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

MOTION was made by Mr. Higgins and seconded by Mrs. Krally to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Read and Approved:

1-18-21

