

MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN SILVER PLUME JOINT WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
COMMISSION

August 17, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT; Tom Bennhoff, Earl Ballard, and Jeff Best. Also present were Tom Hale and John Curtis from the Town of Georgetown. Clay Brown, Barry Cress and Jarrod Biggs from DOLA were present.

The meeting minutes of July 20th were not approved due to a lack of a quorum. This will need to be on the next agenda.

John Curtis gave a report on new wastewater plant. Things are going o.k. but a little behind.

Earl Ballard provided an update on the Silver Plume grants and loans. The engineer has revised his estimate so that only the \$200,000 loan will be required. It is hoped to get the construction started in the fall. Clay will check on the status of the DOLA grant contract.

Earl, Tom B. and Clay B. will meet with the Clear Creek BOCC on September 1, to provide a progress report.

Earl also provided feedback on rate structures from the last Board meeting.

Jarrold gave an update on his work with his financial analysis. It has been difficult to get information on comparable plants. John will get some comparable plant numbers for Jarrold and the number of actual taps vs. the EQR numbers. In addition Jarrold needs the past billings and a breakdown of what is in the billings. John and Tom H. will assist in getting that information. Jarrold, Barry, Tom H. and John C. will be meeting with Frachetti Engineering on August 19<sup>th</sup> to get more information on their projected costs. Hopefully at the next meeting Jarrold will be able to provide some almost final numbers at the next numbers so the rate models can start generating some sample monthly rates.

Barry Cress, also of DOLA, made a presentation to the Commission on sewer rate models and how to establish a common sewer rate. Barry provided three different rate system options. One was a fixed charge based on an EQR schedule. A second system discussed was a metered system using inclining block rates. Lastly Barry discussed a mixed meter/fixed rate system based on SIC code categories. The group had a variety of opinions on each option. Due to issues associated with metering, the group focused on an EQR system. The task is to see if it is possible to develop an EQR system that can take in a SIC attribute, an inclining block attribute, and easy to administer. Jarrold and Barry will email both towns with a request for the information they need. The data collection from the towns will be given a high priority.

The next meeting will be September 7 at 6:00 pm in Georgetown.