

MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN SILVER PLUME JOINT WASTEWATER TREATMENT
COMMISSION

September 7, 2010

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

The meeting minutes of July 20th and August 17th were approved.

Earl, Tom B. and Clay B. met with the Clear Creek BOCC on September 1, to provide a progress report. The Commissioners agreed to release their contribution to Silver Plume when the two towns adopt a common rate structure to operate the waste water plant. This is consistent with the tasks to be completed in 2010 in the IGA between the two towns.

Clay reported on the status of Community Development Block Grant with DOLA. By the middle of September the town should be ready to go under contract with the State for the grant. Clay will work with Silver Plume's engineer to make sure things move as quickly as possible so that the project can begin this fall.

Jarrold gave an update on his work with his financial analysis. He has analyzed the operating costs from two comparable plants. There are several more plants to analyze. Jarrold provided a handout of his analysis and reviewed that with the committee. At the next meeting Jarrold will bring more operating costs and questions for the group on reserve policies. Jarrold will work on a 30 year cost schedule for the operations. The group may want to look out a little further for the replacement of the plant. At the next meeting Jarrold will go over reserve policies.

The Commission discussed the need to establish a timeline for the adoption of rates for the Boards and the amendment for the IGA. The goal is to complete both the adoption of new rates and the IGA amendment by the first meeting in December. Clay suggested that the Commission start getting the boards and the public up to speed with what the Commission is doing. Clay will prepare a report to be included in the packets for the boards to provide background information. After the report is distributed the Commission wants to have a joint meeting of both boards. After the joint meeting it will be up to each town to follow either the resolution or ordinance process to complete the adoption of the new common rate structure and the IGA amendment.

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 a handout of the common goals and a chart of the larger accounts. From this information the Commission needs to provide input on how many classifications will be needed in an EQR system and a possible SIC (standard industrial classification) system. Barry showed an analysis of

the commercial water consumption that showed that there are at least three different groupings by use. The task is to find a system that will take in account use and strength in a new EQR system. Barry is going to look at more systems for comparison purposes. At the next meeting Barry will bring back some suggested EQR classifications.

The Commission outlined task to be completed in the next four meetings. At the next meeting on September 29th dates will be set for the future meetings. All Commission members are to bring their calendars so that the meetings can be set. The tasks for the next meetings are as follows;

Sept. 29: Suggested EQRs for the new rate structure and a discussion on reserve funds

Oct 5th (tentative): Final or close to final operating costs

10/___ : Development of Rates with new EQR system

10/___: Refine EQRs and rates

In addition a date for a joint meeting of both boards needs to be set.

The next meeting will be September 29 at 6:00 pm. Tom will check to see if the room is available in Georgetown. If it is not available the meeting will be in Silver Plume.