

Informational Meeting Regarding Treatment Options for Leroy Tours Gerald WSC

This is an informational meeting organized by the Texas Rural Water Association, through contract by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, for state and federal agencies to update the board and members on the status of the water system's compliance with an order issued by the Environmental Protection Agency.

June 29, 2021

Present: Don Ramsey, President, Carol Baker, Vice President, Cheryl Helms, Secretary/Treasurer, Gerald Barak, Jonathon Davis, Kurt Gerath, Danny Randolph, John Simcik, Damon Willis Roy Davis, Field Manager, Diane Delgado, Office Manager, Barry Hand, Operator, Mr. & Mrs. Adamek, Duff Engineers and Ms. Tekell, Attorney

Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

1. Update from the board on project progress- Don Ramsey

Status of RD application/Status of project

LTG is waiting on the contract. The project could change.

2. Mart/Brazos water presentations

Gill Gregory and Trey Taylor- MRB Engineering

Mart could have extra treated water for sale @ \$3.15 per 1,000 gallons. Prairie Hill put in to reserve all the extra water but has yet to sign the contract. Cost estimate from Mart to LTG is 4.5 million for infrastructure. This is at least 15 miles that could take 4 years to complete. Axtell and EOL have gone with Waco Water.

3. Update from state and federal agencies

Environmental Protection Agency- Jessica Moore

No more extensions until Funding is secure. Proposed penalties have not been calculated and hope it doesn't come to that. But there must be forward movement. Spoke about how penalties could work, example: system size and how long out of compliance.

USDA-Rural Development- Teri Chenoweth

Complete application has not been received yet. Environmental was approved in 2020. Engineering reports were reviewed in 2020 but sent back to the engineer to complete other forms. Terry is waiting for the contract between LTG and engineers to complete the application. Loan is for \$5.462 million in infrastructure for Waco Water, replacing old lines and getting new plants, etc.

Texas Rural Water Association- Jason Knobloch

Is there tonight to answer questions from the board and members.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality- Dorothy Young

TCEQ will be supportive as they can be. No matter what type of treatment. TCEQ will help engineers with any questions the engineers may have.

Additional agency or time for clarification/clean up

4. Questions from Board members

Terry, USDA Rural Development, was asked about Engineering Agreement. Anna Adamek, Engineer, replied that the new agreement (USDA approved) was sent on June 10 to the board for signing. Per Don Ramsey, this has not been signed by the board. Terry stated that usually the same engineer does everything from the application to the completion of the project. Funding status is incomplete right now but if the application changes everything will need to start over. Time frame to change application, estimate 6 months for engineering, revised report completed, underwriting could take 60 to 90 days. End of funding cycle 2021 is September.

Terry stated that we need a drought plan and Water Systems Emergency Plan and look at all options that are available to us.

New customers can pay for the upgrades to services to provide them with water. The PUC requires water systems to service everyone within their CCN. We operate as a CCN, we must provide service to anyone within 200 feet of our lines.

*****Pilot studies will be needed, grants available to give assistance at any time.

Per Terry, equipment purchased before loan is in place will not be rolled into loan.