

MINUTES  
JOINT CONTRACT SEWERAGE COMMITTEE  
January 5, 2024  
11:00 A.M. BETTENDORF CITY HALL

Members Present:

Robert Gallagher, Mayor, City of Bettendorf  
Anthony Heddlesten, Mayor, City of Riverdale  
Ron Rice, Mayor, City of Panorama Park  
Rick Dunn, Alderman, City of Davenport  
Jerry Sechser, Alderman, City of Bettendorf  
Nicole Gleason, Assistant City Administrator/Director of Public Works, City of Davenport  
Brian Schmidt, Director of Public Works, City of Bettendorf  
Mallory Merritt, Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, City of Davenport  
Jason Schadt, Director of Finance, City of Bettendorf  
Doug Hradek, Interim Water Pollution Control Plant Manager, City of Davenport

Others Present:

Jeff Reiter, Assistant City Administrator, City of Bettendorf  
Clay Merritt, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects, City of Davenport  
Jim Odean, Assistant Finance Director, City of Davenport  
Brent Morlok, City Engineer, City of Bettendorf  
Brian Schadt, City Engineer, City of Davenport  
Victoria Gleason, Water Pollution Control Plant Pretreatment Coordinator, City of Davenport

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Mayor Heddlesten.

1. First item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the February 2023 meeting. There were no additions, deletions or corrections. Nicole Gleason made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Rice. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Next item on the agenda was the update on IADNR Capacity Discussion. Brian Schadt reported there is now a recognized capacity limit of 40 million gallons per day. The previous permitted capacity was 26 gallons per day. Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. has submitted a proposal to study future improvements and long term expansions to the plant which would increase capacity beyond the current level.
3. Next item on the agenda was the update on Water Pollution Control Plant Flood Protection Projects. Clay Merritt reported this project was split into three (3) phases. Phase 1 has cleared all federal and state permits and are at the final stages of EDA review. The EDA grant was approved for \$9.8 million, and the project will be out for bid in late January or early February 2024. Phase 2 grant applications have not been successful. Staff is asking for approval to apply for the BRIC grant administered through Iowa Homeland Security. Mayor Gallagher made a motion to approve the application and the motion was seconded by Alderman Dunn. The motion was passed unanimously. Staff is also working with congresswoman Miller-Meeks to submit a Community Project Funding grant. A federal grant was approved along with funding from CPKC for Phase 3, which would provide a new access from the east and a new overpass at Concord St. In total, the project is \$28 million.

4. Next item on the agenda was an update on I&I Projects / Studies. Clay Merritt reported for this upcoming Calendar year Davenport has \$3.7 million in sewer lining and manhole contracts that have been approved. In addition, Davenport has \$1.2 million in sewer evaluation studies in the upper basins. Brent Morlok reported Bettendorf has a \$600,000 sewer lining program that will be completed in the fall. Bettendorf is also moving forward with construction of the Spencer Creek Lift Station due to the inability to provide sewer once the Middle Rd & I-80 interchange project begins in 2025. Riverdale reported they are working on a joint project with Panorama Park and the last set of mains have been inspected and are waiting for the results.
5. Next item on the agenda was a report on the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Compost Facility. Davenport reported Digester #3 is scheduled to be lined temporarily to be put back in service, and the same is planned for Digester #4. Blower #1 had a failure and will need repaired or replaced. Nicole Gleason reported the primary project at the Compost Facility currently is replacing the trenches.
6. Next item on the agenda was an update on six (6) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Joint Use System. Davenport reported majority of the money is allocated for digester and clarifier repairs until final recommendation from the engineering study is provided.
7. Next item on the agenda was an update on HR Green Facility Plan Studies. Davenport reported there continues to be a large amount of struvite buildup. Options being evaluated include changing of pumping and mixing abilities and where the intakes of the pipes are located. HR Green is also looking at standard operating procedures on how to run the day-to-day facility needs as well as updates needed to the control room building to comply with current building codes. Additionally, a pilot study was discussed that would reduce the total number of digesters in operation on a daily basis from four (4) to three (3). Davenport WPCP staff is not in favor of this. In total, the estimated costs are approximately \$16 million plus design.
8. Next item on the agenda was approval of the allocation percentages and budget. The total budget number increased 4.07% from last year. The following percentages for Operation and Maintenance and Industrial Pretreatment costs were submitted for review and approval:

Davenport	78.16%
Bettendorf	20.74%
Riverdale	1.03%
Panorama Park	0.07%

Brian Schmidt made a motion to approve the percentages. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dunn. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Next item on the agenda was the approval of capacity allocations. The approved allocations can be found in the meeting packet. Mayor Gallagher motioned to approve the capacity allocations. The motion was seconded by Nicole Gleason. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Next item on the agenda was an update on the recruitment for Manager of Water Pollution Control Plant. Nicole Gleason reported the recruitment has been live for three weeks with only one qualified applicant. Another post for applicants will go out next week. Doug Hradek is currently the Interim Water Pollution Control Plant Manager and one of the operators has been appointed Interim Supervisor to assist Doug.
11. Next item on the agenda was the discussion of future meeting dates. The committee agreed to continue to hold the meetings in January and August.
12. The next item on the agenda was other business. There were no items brought up by the group.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Brian Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Gallagher.