



News from Public Works Board, Water Policy Board, and Municipal Wastewater Committee Meetings

- A new Marketing Service Contract was approved between the Wastewater and Muskegon Area First.
- The Board approved the reclassification of one of the Irrigation Operator positions to an Operations Maintenance Mechanic. The position was subsequently filled by Patrick Pastor, one of the Irrigation Technicians.
- A new Sanitary Sewer Agreement was approved to allow Bayer CropScience LP and Fortu PowerCell, Inc. to be a Direct Connect User to the Wastewater System.
- The Board awarded the bid for replacement of a 6,000-gallon polyethylene Ferric Chloride storage tank for the RI System at Wastewater, and installation should be complete by the end of September.
- Permission was granted by the Board to advertise for bids the purchase of a new 100-foot-boom, self-propelled sprayer for the Farm.
- A resolution was passed by the Board that renews the affiliation between the Wastewater and Jerry Kearns, the commodities broker we have used for over 27 years.
- The Board awarded the bid for the Wastewater "Cost of Services Consulting" to Utility Financial Solutions.
- A bid was awarded for the purchase of a new Heavy-Duty Truck Lift at Wastewater.
- Hauled Waste flows have continued their seasonal increase with 1.7 MG in March, 2.5 MG in April, and 3.0 MG in May.
- Irrigation was started on May 16th this year. There was a pipe failure in Field 51 that was repaired by Jackson-Merkey.
- Approximately 1,600 acres of corn and 600 acres of soybeans have been planted this spring.
- The repair work to the surge tank at C Station is underway and once complete will bring a close to Segment 2 of the 66-inch Force Main Replacement.
- The City of Muskegon meter project is in progress and should be finished by the end of July.
- The Rapid Infiltration (RI) Controls rehabilitation is nearing completion.
- Howard & Howard continues interviewing potential wind developers and should have a recommendation to the Board in late July or early August.
- Work is still being done on receiving contaminated groundwater from the Cordova and Zephyr sites.
- CPR/AED training should be scheduled in July for staff of Wastewater, Public Works, and Parks.
- The cleaning of the Hall Drain ditch was completed, and work began on the outfall ditch west of Maple Island Road.
- The 2nd floor of the Hall of Justice is nearly complete with only punch list items remaining. The work of moving everything from the 1st floor to the 2nd floor is out for bids.
- The Business Park North may have its first occupant in Nugent Sand.
- The painting of the Fruitport water tank has been completed.
- The Board authorized staff to solicit bids for the interior painting and structural repair work on the Evanston Avenue elevated water storage tank.
- Several homes along Apple Ave. are for sale and removal on recently-acquired property.
- The annual Consumer Confidence Report is being prepared for all Water customers.
- A bid was awarded for the extension of water main to Great Lakes Ford, and work is nearly complete.
- The Board awarded a bid for the gap cell leachate pump station at Solid Waste.
- The Youth Turkey Hunt, in conjunction with the DNR, was held at Wastewater in late April and was once again a great success.
- Saturday collection for Household Hazardous Waste will be on October 15, 2011. Goodwill will also be on site to help collect e-waste.

Personnel

- We offer our best wishes to **Kelly "Grizz" Radel** who will be retiring June 30, after 25 years.
- Congratulations to those celebrating service anniversaries this quarter: **Rob Ribbens** with 20 years; **Shane Sietsema**, **Rodney Holland**, and **Matt Burns** each with 10 years; and **Jesús Peña** with 5 years.
- The Engineering Aide for Wastewater this summer is **Joel Berglund**, and we welcome back **Colleen Walsh** as the Water Engineering Aide.
- The Solid Waste family has recently grown with **Jake Butkus** and wife, Tara, welcoming a baby boy, Brock Ryland, on April 6 and **Carly Hines** and husband, Ricky, a baby girl, Grace Elizabeth, on April 7.



City of Muskegon wastewater meter installation



Irrigation pipe failure in Field 51 at Wastewater



Wastewater dozer after an undercarriage rebuild and new paint



New operator truck at Wastewater



Great Lakes Ford water main extension



New courtroom on 2nd floor, Hall of Justice