



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

- ✚ The Public Works and Water Boards authorized the last two water hook-up contracts for the Laketon Township project.
- ✚ The Public Works and Water Boards also approved a resolution to assist in obtaining water infrastructure grants for our new battery plant.
- ✚ The Board approved advertising a request for qualifications for an engineer to design a new leachate pump station for Solid Waste.
- ✚ The Board approved purchasing a new scraper similar to our existing unit for the landfill.
- ✚ The Board approved a switch in vendors for the Water System truck.
- ✚ The Board gave conceptual approval for the farmer south of the Wastewater Plant to use the water from our clay pit.
- ✚ The Board approved an Assurance Agreement with MDNRE and Dalton Township that continues the wholesale wastewater rate for the Cordova Treatment Plant wastewater.
- ✚ Jackson-Merkey should finish the Apple Avenue portion of the pipeline from Laketon Station to Sullivan Station this week.
- ✚ K&R ground up the old asphalt, filled the area of the old flume, and compacted it all in preparation for paving around Cell #1.
- ✚ Crews from two local farmers dismantled and removed rigs 43, 51, and 52 from the System this period. County staff then moved two older hydraulic rigs and several towers we had in inventory to those locations. Two new rigs are scheduled to be delivered at the end of April.
- ✚ The Scandia Wind group will be making a presentation to the Board next week regarding placing a large number of turbines at the Wastewater System.
- ✚ Wastewater staff continues to scan historical, administrative, laboratory, and MSDS information into our electronic filing system.
- ✚ The Hauled Waste total for March was a respectable 2.5 MG, and April is on a pace for 2.8 MG so far.
- ✚ Our Laketon Township Contract 1 contractor is working on well abandonment. Work on the new connection contracts will hopefully start next month.
- ✚ Both Hall of Justice and Honeywell Energy project asbestos abatement work should begin soon.
- ✚ The Wastewater System Lab staff are still discussing headworks limits with MDNRE.
- ✚ The Farm is done with the alfalfa seeding on about 650 acres. Soybean planting will begin next week.
- ✚ The SODAR wind profiler has been up and running for a few weeks and is still being calibrated and adjusted.
- ✚ Our Wastewater Operations and Operations Maintenance divisions have been working on the irrigation stations in preparation for a May 3rd irrigation start-up. Other Operations Maintenance projects work includes treatment cell aerators, Whitehall groundwater pump station pumps, Lift Station C grinders, venting the new 60-inch force main, and installing electrical for the new and relocated irrigation rigs.
- ✚ Meter replacements in our water systems continue to be a challenge. Company replacements are being considered.
- ✚ Western Michigan University will be out to build a dock in the West Storage Lagoon for algae research and harvesting.
- ✚ Although Public Works tours were offered at Lift Station C, the Wastewater Plant, Pioneer Park, and the Landfill for County Government Month, we had few takers. We probably need to get the word out better if we continue this program. Thank you to all who prepared for this event.
- ✚ The Whitehall Road water main and tank at Michigan's Adventure were flushed and drained this period.
- ✚ Respirator questionnaires will be handed out to our Volunteer Confined Space Rescue Team soon and we will have another practice as well.
- ✚ Major spring cleanup work is ongoing in our parks, and nearly all of our summer positions have been filled.
- ✚ CMH is preparing for their various divisions to move into the Halmond Center. These moves are managed by our Facilities division.

PERSONNEL

Congratulations to **Jim Wood** on 25 years of service this month. **Wally Wolting** is still on light duty, and **Ron Glover** is making good progress after his surgery last month (we hope to have him back to work by the end of April). **Karen Buie** had major surgery last week, and we pray for her quick recovery. We also pray for **Larry Coleman's** family as they care for his seriously ill mother-in-law. We grieve with the family of **Cheryl Helsen** in the passing of her dad. Congratulations again to **Anna Foster** who will retire April 30th. Thanks to **Randy Young, Dave Bonthuis, Antione Williams,** and **Mike Lorentz** for helping with the installation and security for our new SODAR wind profile unit.

Again, come out and support the inaugural Katty Shack 5K Run/Walk a week from Saturday, April 24, 2010, at 9:00 AM at the Grand Haven Senior Center. The race will benefit the Crime Victim Foundation and is being put on by former Wastewater Chemist **Natalie Kik-Brown** in memory of her daughter Katherine who was a crime victim. Contact Dave Kendrick or Joe Tardani for race forms.



Anna Foster received her County retirement clock



Roadbed preparation around Cell #1 where the flume was removed



The Wastewater System's SODAR wind profile unit was put in operation in April



20-inch ductile iron force main being installed along Apple Avenue between Laketon and Sullivan Pump Stations



Grade work where the new Sullivan Pump Station will be installed across the ditch from the existing station



Local farmers dismantling rigs 51 and 52 for removal