

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, MAY 1, 2012, AT 5:30 P.M.

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, Gingell, Patterson and Kennedy. City Manager Jim Anderson, Attorney Tom Gibson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Surface Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Larry McClamma and Chief Electrician Bob Lyles were also present.

The purpose of the Workshop was to discuss the repairs needed at the Chipola River Pump Station.

At the Regular City Commission Meeting on April 17, 2012, the pumps, motors and need for repairs were discussed.

On April 20, 2012, an on-site visit was made to the Chipola River Pump Station to inspect the equipment, determine the condition of the pump and what repairs are to be done.

Immediate need - After looking at the pump, it was determined that bid specs would be needed to evaluate the condition of one pump. Once the condition of the pump is determined and any repairs are done, Bid Specs will be needed for one new Diesel Engine. There is currently \$103,000 in the budget for repairs to the Chipola River Pump Station.

Commissioner Kennedy attended the on-site meeting and is concerned about the immediate and long term needs (5, 10 and 15 Year Plan) for the facility, when the facility was built, it was done very well. The immediate need is to check out the pump, replace diesel engine and consider using the existing electric pump as back up. His long term issues are to consider the possible abandonment of the station as there are numerous things that can go wrong, it is old, out dated and there are maintenance issues. Commissioner Kennedy feels that the facility should last a long time, the pump is a work horse but we need to have a plan. Future plans should consider having the have pumps above grade, fill the upper portion of the ditch and consider electric motors and a smaller pump.

There is an issue with access to the ditch that needs immediate attention. A tremendous amount of wildlife is in the area, individuals are fishing in the ditch, a boat was recently found in the ditch and more control of the ditch is needed to prevent contamination of the water source. Hunting leases provide access to the area and some type restrictions may need to be considered.

Mr. McClamma and Bob Lyles recommend looking at the pump, see that the pump is what we think it is, see what we might need to repair it, and then look at an engine if all of this goes well with the pump.

The recommendation is for approval at tonight's regular meeting to move forward to advertise to receive sealed bids for RFP 2012-03.

Mayor Magidson adjourned the Workshop at 5:55 P.M.

Approved this 15th day of May 2012.



Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor



Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk