

MANDAN REMEDIATION TRUST (MRT)

December 3, 2019

Meeting: 314th Official Meeting
Date: December 3, 2019
Location: Mandan City Hall, 205 2nd Ave. NW
Time: 10:00 a.m.

The MRT meeting was called to order with Jim Neubauer, Francis Schwindt (via phone) and Dave Glatt present as Trustees, along with Leon Vetter from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

Minutes. MRT minutes with amendments from the November 5, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Motion. Glatt moved to approve minutes of November 5, 2019 meeting as amended and second by Neubauer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bank of North Dakota statement. Neubauer - The most recent Bank of North Dakota statement for the period ending October 31 shows interest of \$55.74; the trust has a balance of \$5,762,512.02. November's statement was unavailable as of the date of this meeting.

Billing from WSP. No billing for this past month.

Glatt reported that a preliminary review of the data has been done and a draft letter has been prepared indicating that the shut-down/decommissioning process can begin. The letter appears to meet the criteria, so it will be reviewed one last time, and then it will go out.

Neubauer stated that when the DEQ letter is received, a public meeting/hearing will be scheduled for some time after the first of the year. After the public meeting/hearing, any public concerns expressed will be addressed and eventually a final letter will be prepared by DEQ.

Schwindt reported that he had visited with Rusty who said water was shut off at the water meter inside the building but the City could not find the curb stop to turn the water off to the building. So it's shut off at the meter inside the building; that's why there wasn't any water that was flowing to the sink when Jim was in there that day. Jim indicated he had spoken with City staff and was told the building is minimally heated, so it's kept above freezing. Schwindt said Rusty had called him because he couldn't figure out why the power was turned off to the whole system, and he was thinking MDU had done something; Schwindt said there hadn't been any kind of communication from MDU, so he doubted whether they'd be turning the power off without consulting with somebody or letting somebody know. Rusty called later to report there's another breaker inside the building that turned off the power to the main transformer that's in there, and the transformer is what provides the heat to that area and also controls the outlets where he had a portable heater plugged in. So after he finally figured that out, he slipped that switch back on, the transformer fired up, and everything else came on. Schwindt believes that last spring Rusty probably turned it off so there wasn't a lot of heat generated through the summer and forgot about it, or maybe someone else did it.

Schwindt said he talked with Roger Schmidt about plugging those horizontal lines, the ones that run from Zone 2 building or whatever it is behind the law office, over to the main treatment building. Roger thought they could be plugged with some kind of bentonite slurry; he said it might be easier than trying to pump concrete or cement grout that distance. It might have to be done from both ends. He said that depending on how many right angles there were involved, trying to get a tremmy pipe down in there to fill it up may or may not be possible, depending on the configuration and how the piping comes in. Since Schwindt doesn't know for sure exactly how it comes in, whether it came up from a 90 and up into the buildings or whether it was just a gradual slope from the building all the way down and across with the larger lines that go between the buildings, he doesn't really have an answer on that. But Roger thought it was possible that they could do something like that. Roger said he does have some equipment that could possibly pump the grout in that far. The same thing on the lines that run from the bank over to the fire station; the old lines that were put in with the slotted pipe as part of that other treatment system that was put in by HPC or whoever put it in. Roger was thinking that they might be able to put some grout into the solid ends on that. He was in agreement that it probably didn't make a lot of sense to fill up the pipe through the areas where it's slotted or perforated; he also thought those might be doable as well. Roger said he'd have to give some thought to all that. Schwindt explained to Roger that's why he was coming to him now rather than coming to him sometime next year and asking for something to be done and asking how much. Roger also wondered whether it might be possible to start doing some of the basement removals for plugging the wells and stuff like that during the winter time. Schwindt told him where things were at in the process and that it probably isn't something to start pursuing to any great extent until after the first of the year. So they will just wait for further directions from the trustees on that end of it as well.

Neubauer said if they receive DEQ's letter to close in December, hold a public hearing/meeting in January and get the final DEQ letter sometime after February, a plan could be outlined as to how to proceed. Glatt questioned whether the public meeting should be advertised indicating DEQ feels it's ready to close and we could set up a time and place; this should be done pretty quickly because there should be a 30 day notice. Leon will look into that and work with Carolyn Kvislen. Schwindt suggested doing some kind of press release as well, just a wrap-up story to generate a little bit more interest in it. Glatt and Neubauer felt the public meeting would be held in mid-January around 6:00 p.m. It could be hosted at City Hall. Glatt said DEQ would put something together and route it around for review.

Schwindt will continue having discussions with the property owners where wells are and show them the release, get signatures, and arrange times to get in and begin work at a time when it's most convenient for them.

No Further Business.

Next Meeting. January 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn. Schwindt moved to adjourn; second by Glatt. All ayes. Motion carried.