



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Hall of Justice is nearly complete with only punch list items remaining. The work of moving everything from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Hall of Justice*