

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

- ✚ The Public Works Board elected Drain Commissioner Dave Fisher as Board Secretary. Congratulations Dave!
- ✚ The Public Works Board gave permission to advertise for Requests for Qualifications from engineers to perform state-mandated landfill air quality and groundwater environmental work. Staff also was granted permission to advertise for Wastewater System fleet lubricants.
- ✚ The Board accepted the low bid for a contractor to provide Household Hazardous Waste disposal services.
- ✚ The Board approved a loan to our Parks division from Solid Waste to purchase land adjacent to Meinert Park. The loan will be paid back from grant monies that will be reimbursed after the sale of the property.
- ✚ The asbestos abatement has been completed on the second floor of the Hall of Justice (HOJ) and on the Honeywell energy project. Renovations to the HOJ are expected to be completed by October 2011. Energy work by Honeywell on the Wastewater Administration Building is scheduled to start in July.
- ✚ Staff has continued to work with Scandia Wind on placing 50 3-megawatt turbines on the Wastewater System. More wind data is needed in the next year, and staff is checking with the local tower owners to get more equipment up to calibrate the SODAR data. A comprehensive bird study proposal is being developed that would also be done during the next year.
- ✚ After a somewhat slow May, the hauled waste volume has picked up in June, averaging around 100,000 gallons per day so far.
- ✚ The corn crop has been sprayed with herbicide and fertilized for the second time. Our soybeans are being sprayed this week. The first cutting of alfalfa was a little below average in yield due to the cool conditions this spring. The second cutting is looking good.
- ✚ Wastewater staff has been busy erecting and putting into service several older irrigation rigs that were moved to fields that are used less. The contractor installing the new irrigation rigs should have them completed this week.
- ✚ Fleet Maintenance helped Facilities retrieve picnic tables out of Muskegon Lake at Heritage Landing (who knows what bait they were using) and rebuilt a mower for our Parks division. Their next challenge is to rotate the wheels on one of the 40-ton compactors at Solid Waste.
- ✚ Wastewater staff is stockpiling sludge for removal to our landfill and should begin hauling it by the end of the month.
- ✚ Slag was placed on the south powerline road at the treatment site to help the hay hauling.
- ✚ The wastewater plant has struggled, unexpectedly, to maintain oxygen in the treatment lagoons twice in June with the new configuration of aerators and mixers for our lower flow. Staff has put all the aeration units possible into service and will continue to review lab data to determine the cause of this problem.
- ✚ Wastewater plant staff had initial discussions with the new property owner north of the system regarding a swap and purchase of some unused project property. We would like to own about 10 acres of his property so that we could move irrigation rig 22 and eliminate the overlap with rig 21. Despite the anti-collision devices on both pivots, we have had several expensive collisions over the years. He would like to own some of our adjacent land.
- ✚ The pump replacement at Lift Station D progressed this period with demolition of one of the 600 horsepower pumps. The contractor is working on the bypass pump and should have it in operation next week
- ✚ The flow from the project outfall at Laketon Station was diverted in May so that it flows to the Rapid Infiltration System. The flow from Sullivan Drainage Station is now being pumped to the West Storage Lagoon until the new station is completed. Much demolition work has been accomplished on the old Laketon Station, and the footing slab has been poured for the new Sullivan Station.



Fishing for picnic tables at Heritage Landing



The first cutting of alfalfa being laid down



Heritage Landing bank restoration with mulch blankets and native grass plantings



Bypass pumping at Laketon Station



Base slab poured for new Sullivan Station



Hudson Andrew Kraft

- ✚ The 60 residential water connections on the second such Laketon Township Greenridge contract is almost done and is going smoothly.
- ✚ Our water meter manufacturer has agreed to provide parts for many of the failed units.
- ✚ The medical waste part of our Household Hazardous Waste events has increased their awareness with an internet site.
- ✚ The restoration of the banks at the Heritage Landing area has included measures as elaborate as jute mulch blanket with individual plugs of native species in addition to seeding.

PERSONNEL

There has been good news on the recovery from operations for **Mike Faino's** son, **Jim Wood**, **Antione Williams**, and **Karen Buie** and on **Bob Harrington's** tests. Antione and Karen are back to work, and Jim has been out to the office some. Please pray for a speedy recovery for **Randy Young** who had knee surgery this week. Please continue to pray for **Tony Dunn's** sister and the many people in our department who are caring for parents or have them in nursing homes. Congratulations to **Tony Marvin** and **Tony Dunn** for 10 and 35 years of service this month. Congratulations to **Mary Peckham** on her retirement May 25th. Mary worked for us in our

Facilities division for over 14 years. Congratulations to **Steve Fink** who obtained his S3 State Water Certification in June. Carol and Dave Kendrick have a fourth grandson, Hudson Andrew, who was born last week, weighing in at 8 pounds. **Our quarterly Service Anniversary Party will be next Thursday, June 24th at the Farm Headquarters at noon. We will be having hamburgers and brats, and rumor has it that there will be homemade ice cream. There will be eight service anniversary certificates and several suggestion awards presented.**