



## UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

*Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> | 5:15pm  
Teleconference – Zoom*

### I. CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm by UAB Chair, Bryan Farrell.*

Members Present: Andrew Campbell, Bryan Farrell (chair), Geoffrey Larsen, Janet Schempf

Members Absent: Grant Ritter, Stuart Cohen, Elizabeth Pederson

Staff Present: Cristian Crabtree, Brian McGuire, Denise Koch, Lori Sowa, Katie Koester

a. Introduction of Deputy Director of Public Works

i. Brian McGuire introduced Denise Koch to the UAB.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. *September 9, 2021 UAB Agenda was approved by Board vote.*

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. *May 31, 2021 Draft UAB Meeting Minutes were approved by Board vote with one edit.*

i. Janet Schempf should be marked as absent on the last meeting, she was not reflected as absent or present in previous meeting minutes.

### IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. *None*

### V. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. *Source Control (SC) Program Introduction*

i. Brian McGuire; SC is one of the major items agreed to in the compliance order by consent with DEC. Among the priorities are drafting cruise ship discharge agreements to include more in-depth language on offloading requirements. Another priority is to identify significant contributors of organic loading, solids or potential toxics. Food Service Establishments (FSEs) are the major contributors.

ii. Lori Sowa; Contacted Fred Meyer regarding an incident of clogging occurring within the Lemon A/Fred Meyers lift station, Fred Meyer management agreed to look at new methods of disposing their solids and have decommissioned the use of their food grinder.

iii. Questions & Comments; *Geoff Larson* asked a question regarding how the Wastewater Department was able to catch the data of influent during the December rain event. *Brian McGuire* explained how WW utilizes flow probes in the influent system of the Treatment plants to cross correlate with local precipitation to identify rainwater infiltration into the CBJ collections system. *Geoff Larson* asked if there is a method in place to measure how much water is going into residential areas to better determine the exact amount of gallons of customer water is entering the collections system versus rainwater. *Brian McGuire*

answered, as of this time there is no way to gather that data, but there are options for future probe installations within the Collections system being discussed.

b. *Biosolids Update*

i. *Brian McGuire* shared some progress and challenges on the subject of Biosolids. WW brought in a 48' container to experiment with dried biosolids storage. This, unfortunately, had holes in the tarp cover causing saturation of the dried solids. WW continues to ship biosolids south to Oregon for disposal, but is discussing the possibility of shipping to Washington where the dried solids could be utilized as fertilizers & top cover. Brian also offered a minor update on the subject of PFAS; options are currently being discussed to handle the destruction of PFAS - more to come on this in future meetings.

ii. Questions & Comments; *None*.

c. *Revenue Projections*

i. *Brian McGuire* shared the current status on Revenue. Finance estimates we will see a higher Cruise revenue stream, projecting FY22 at 35% above FY21, but we are operating well below what the "norm" is.

ii. Questions & Comments; *Geoff Larson* asked if it would be possible to see revenue trends of FY19, an "ideal" year for comparison to current pandemic FYs.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. *NONE*

VII. NONE AGENDA ITEMS

a. *Geoff Larson*, spoke with members of Alaska Congressional Delegation, and heard talk about EPA requirement adjustments to municipalities who don't use secondary treatment. Ketchikan & Anchorage specifically. Knowing Juneau is ahead in this regard, Mr. Larson asked if this could mean adjustments to the regulations and/or pressure put on the Juneau Treatment system. *Katie Koester* to follow up to confirm this and make sure it is at the forefront of the future conversations.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting adjourned at 6:07pm*

Next Meeting:

**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 5:15 PM | Teleconference**