



Wastewater Hearing Authority Minutes
Meeting: March 21, 2019

Attendees: Dr. Edward Thackston, Chairperson, Dr. Robert Wingfield (WWHA), Mr. David Gilles (WWHA), Tara Ladd, Metro Legal Attorney, Jim Snyder (MWS), Ted Taylor (MWS), Andy Welch (MWS), John Honeysucker (MWS), James A. Pogue (MWS), Manny Ojo (MWS), Paul Marotta, AquAeter, Inc., Parsa Pezeshk, AquAeter, Inc., Martha McDow, Triumph, Derrell Bowden, Triumph, Teresa Lyons-Oten (MWS), Susan D. Murillo (Court Reporter)

- I. **Meeting called to order at 1:33 p.m.** - Dr. Edward Thackston, Chairperson, MWS Wastewater Hearing Authority

- II. **Review and Approval of MWS Wastewater Authority Minutes –December 6, 2018**
Dr. Thackston noted that a few grammatical errors needed to be corrected in the minutes. His changes were presented in writing to Teresa Lyons-Oten (MWS) for corrections. Motion was made to accept minutes with modifications, and the minutes were unanimously approved. **Presenter: Dr. Edward Thackston, MWS WWHA Chairperson**

- III. **Variance Request on pH Limit – Triumph Group Aerospace Structures – Al Pogue,** MWS presented this variance request to the Wastewater Hearing Authority at the request of the Triumph Group. Triumph is seeking to re-up their pH variance from ten (10) to eleven (11). MWS WWHA previously granted this variance on Triumph’s last permit. The variance will be through the life of the permit. On January 1, 2019, the permit went into effect, and Triumph requested the variance at that time, and that the request be placed on the MWS Wastewater Hearing Authority agenda. Triumph’s permit will expire in 2022, and if they so choose, they can submit a petition to renew the variance. David Giles, MWS WWHA moved to approve the variance on the high pH site from ten to eleven. Dr. Robert Wingfield, MWS WWHA seconded and board members unanimously approved the variance request. **Presenter: Al Pogue, MWS**

- IV. **FOG Enforcement Update** - Andy Welch presented a new member of the MWS Laboratory, Chase Block. Chase has been permanently assigned and will be working with members of the MWS Environmental Compliance Office.



- a. **Enforcement Update** – Dr. Wingfield and Dr. Thackston requested that the report reflect “report updated as (whatever new date).”

The first (12) businesses noted in gray, as recent as the last Wastewater Hearing Authority meeting, are considered back in compliance prior to the period of this current meeting. They are as follows: Logan’s Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Richland Country Club, China Spring, Miss Saigon, K & S World Market, Las Cazuelas, Kroger, Sub Depot, John A’s, Lucky Bamboo and Best Wok Chinese.

- Sperry’s – MWS is awaiting their response to our letter and pending.
- Dragon Phoenix –They were balking at doing something. New Administration Order was issued, and they are moving forward. MWS was informed they were going to install a new grease interceptor as of March 13, 2019, but have not heard if this was done. Chase Block, MWS, heard from Mr. Garcia today, and April 8, 2019 is the next estimated date of completion.
- South Street – A Compliance schedule was scheduled and was told they are shutdown indefinitely. At some point, they intend to reopen, and they understand that before we sign off, they need to be in compliance. Establishment will be required to go through Codes, and we will have an opportunity to sign off to allow that to go forward or not.
- Marco Polo – MWS has been informed verbally, after meeting with them, that a new installation of grease interceptor would be forthcoming. A written confirmation has not been received as yet.
- Pie Wagon – Under new ownership and new owners were unaware of the previous notice of violation until MWS provided them with this information in September 2018. The violation is still open and, in September 2018, the new ownership has not responded. They will receive a new notice of violation. Tentative goal of compliance by April 15, 2019.
- Midtown Café – Establishment has a new grease trap installed. Old grease trap remaining in service and probably needs to be replaced. Requiring replacement or certification of existing grease traps. GI to be installed 7/1/19.
- Athens Family Restaurant – Have addressed the problem without much communication with MWS. Allowing them to use new grease trap on trial basis. If it does not work, exterior 1500 gallon grease interceptor will be required.
- Sonobana – Expected to install a grease interceptor within one month.
- Ed’s Fish & Pizza House – New grease trap installed and will be inspected next week.



- Cock of the Walk – Issuing an Administrative Order. Communication restored prior to issue of O&A, GI passed certification. Inspection confirms that GI is leaking and undersized.
 - Scoreboard Bar and Grill – Presently question is whether or not the grease interceptor is in good working order. Issuing Notice of Violation.
 - Calypso Café – Awaiting review of video by MWS. Problem/Issue is that the establishment has absolutely no grease trap at all.
 - KFC-Long John Silvers – Establishment is not communicating, and MWS will issue Administration Order.
 - Wendell Smith – Notice of Violation for inadequate grease control. Awaiting response to NOV.
 - Union Station Hotel – Staff change-over caused loss of contact. Attempting to reestablish. Update pending.
 - Doubletree – Grease interceptor partially installed, and expect to review in the next week. New grease interceptor installed.
 - La Hacienda Taqueria – NOV issued 10/16/2017, follow-up visit 2/11/19 installing new GI, and date to be determined.
 - Pfunky Griddle – NOV issued 9/10/18, O&A issued 2/20/19 and verbally stated they are installing a new GT, and date to be determined.
- b. MWS Wastewater Hearing Authority requested that Andy Welch, MWS, provide additional information in the FOG report. MWS Wastewater Hearing Authority requests that the report provides a column, linking property ownership for each establishment and enforcement actions, listing dates of actions, and make the owners aware of enforcement actions such as NOV or NCN. **Presenter: Andy Welch, MWS**

V. Other Business – Awareness of FOG-Multi-Family Dwellings and Residents

- a. MWS continues to educate homeowners as to what should or should not go down the sink. MWS is creating a database of multi-family dwellings and will continue to share educational brochures regarding what should or should not go down the sink. MWS Social Media Group (Communications) has forwarded links on our Twitter account, and Facebook page, disseminating information. Dr. Robert Wingfield, MWS WWHA, expressed an interest to do an environmental workshop, and requested any educational materials to be shared. Jim Snyder, MWS, shared with MWS WWHA, some of things our Communications Division is doing in the schools. Ted Taylor, MWS, made mention of a new program here at MWS, “One Water Citizens Academy.” He explained aspects of the program, and how it is a means to spread the word about MWS and FOG Program.

VI. Adjourn at 2:40 p.m.