



MEMORANDUM

To: Nederland Board of Trustees
From: Jason Morrison
Date: October 5, 2012
Re: Staff Report -- Public Works

Collections, Distribution, and Water Treatment Plant

The new plant operator, Bill Bodkins, was scheduled to start on Monday, October 8. The entire Public Works staff is looking forward to working with Bill. Pete Oxnard and Jason Morrison have passed their Water Operators Certification Exam, bringing the total number of water operators to four and one prepping for the exam. In support of the Town's commitment to broadening the skills of all employees, we will continue to gain water certifications whenever possible.

The Bridge Street Pressure-reducing Valve (PRV) project has hit a slight snag but nothing to prevent the upgrades. The valves that isolate this station so it can be worked on are as old as the PRVs themselves. The age of these valves has made it impossible to shut off water to the PRV vault due to corrosion from lack of movement over the years (Map of valves shown below). The solution is to dig in front of the vault, tap the live water line and put in a new valve, eliminating the need to dig in multiple locations and replace numerous valves. These valves can be eliminated and upgraded when these entire sections of water line are upgraded in the future.



The walls of the Wastewater Treatment Plant operations building were being installed the first week of October.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The metal buildings at the wastewater plant are being erected and going smoothly. Several local contractors have been contacted to get in the bidding process for finish work (e.g. drywall finishing) inside the new building.

Streets and Drainage

Public works was able to put the dump bed we had sitting around back on one of the small trucks.

This will be great for hauling small amounts of material around town on some of the smaller roads. This will also make it easier to wash salt/sand off of the frame and easier to work on.

Road grading, with additional road base material, will begin soon in Old Town. The Big Springs erosion control project has been squared away and all materials were ordered. When all materials are in, we will schedule repairs with the contractor.

Two small picnic tables have been ordered to go on First Street on either sides of the new recycle bins; we want to relocate the large table that was there and we are open to suggestions.

Treasurer Eva Forberger has started to solicit bids for a sand/salt shed for the Ridge Road Public Works yard. The construction of this will give us a clean and environmentally safe way to store our salt/sand ice control mixture. We are working to have this constructed before we order our material for this snow season.

Parks

The Chipeta Park bathrooms have been closed for the season. When we reopen them in spring, we will only open one bathroom at a time. I figure if one has any issues we can close it and open the other while we do repair work. Hopefully, this will minimize all bathrooms there having to be closed.

Our four-seat teeter totter at Chipeta Park has broken and needs to be replaced. We are working with Scott Hammers from PROSAB, who is coordinating public input from parents and children at the elementary school to help us pick a piece of equipment to replace the old teeter totter. We expect to install the new equipment in the spring.

Etc.

Public Works is conducting neighborhood slash collection. All information is on the Town website so help to spread the word to you not so tech savvy friends. Big Springs has yielded the most slash so far.