

February 14, 1967

Present: Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud (Mr. Paul Raley and Mr. Bowles on vacation)

County Water and Sewage

Mr. George Dent of Beavin Company, presented proposal of services offered by his firm for this project, and left meeting.

Mr. H. Haimbach, Mr. H. O. Wagner, and Mr. Cassavant of Buchart-Horn presented proposal offered by their company at a fee of \$25,000. Of this, \$1670 is for the additional work that is required under state regulations. Mr. Wagner stated that the Farmer's Home Adm. money is a direct grant and the program has been financed 100% and would cost the county nothing. Whether or not this will still hold true now that the state has entered the picture has not yet been determined, to Mr. Wagner's knowledge. The money is for the study to be made for the county water and sewage plan.

Mr. Haimbach said that there are monies available under another program in the State Health Dept., that can be used, and there is no conflict between the two agencies. At the present time, the federal government will finance the project 100%. Mr. Wagner suggested applying for the funds as the money has been appropriated. Now that the state has entered into this, the federal government will be checking with the state to see how much the latter will finance to lessen the amount paid by the federal government, and this will be worked out between the two governments. There is a possibility that the federal and state governments will pay a certain percentage and the county would have to pay the remainder. The application would be made to the FHA and Mr. Wagner presented a sample form, stating that Mr. W. Groome would be the person to follow this through, and the application should come from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Wagner said that his firm is working at present with some 16 counties on this program and they can help in getting the money for the grants for this work. If the county water and sewage plan is worked in connection with the master plan of the county, this would cut costs somewhat. Their fee is based on them doing everything, and there may be some things available in the county that will result in the amount of the fee being lowered. Mr. Wagner stated that it takes about 12 months to draw up such a project.

Water Uses and Standards

Public hearing on proposed water uses and water quality standards for the Potomac River and tributaries, and Patuxent River and tributaries, in Charles and St. Mary's Counties. Present were Mr. Burch, Mr. Aud, Mr. O. Guyther, Mr. T. T. Pantaleo, Mr. W. Chapman, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. L. Cryer, Mrs. D. Shannon (Enterprise), and approximately 30 local citizens. Also present was Mr. Edwin Weber, from the Department of Water Resources, who presided.

Mr. Weber reviewed proposed water uses as recommended by his department. The 1965 law was amended and states that the water quality standards must be upgraded and the state is now classifying the uses of the waters, both interstate and intrastate, so that all waters in the state are included.

There was a question about VIII being permitted in the McIntosh Run and St. Mary's River. Mr. Weber said this is based on the highest quality use. This water could still carry treated waste if it did not effect the standard of the water, and for fish and wildlife. The waste coming into the stream would have to meet the highest standard of the water quality. However, these categories can be withdrawn until such time as they are felt to be needed. Mr. Weber said that the standards and uses will be set according to the desires of the local people, and the state can raise them but cannot lower them.

A plan of implementation will be set up at the final hearing in College Park, and will be enforced by the state. If the state does not carry out these uses, then the federal government will take over and see that this is done. If the plant at Morgantown goes in before the standards are set, they will have to take steps to see that water is kept at the standard prescribed. They have a monitoring device to control this, and also recorders in certain areas to keep track of the temperature of the water.

Adm. T. Clark read letter referring to the public hearing held at La Plata, which stated that the Department of Water Resources had accepted the uses being made of the waters at present. He mentioned use VIII for the St. Mary's River, which would encourage the present use of the water and this is bad. The letter recommends that the Department of Water Resources give consideration to the use recommended by the St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission in view of the establishment of the Mattapani Sanitary District, and use VIII be deleted from the St. Mary's River and use IIB be added. It was pointed out by Adm. Clark that if VIII is removed, there will be no problem enforcing this as it simply could not be done. Mr. Weber stated he would recommend that VIII be removed from the St. Mary's River from the head to Route 5, and it was generally agreed by those present that this should be done.

It was suggested that a special use category be set up so far as the treatment plant for the college is concerned, such as a non-conforming use. This would state simply that the existing plant would not be effected but no additional plants would be allowed, nor any enlargement of the existing plant. Mr. Burch said that the Commissioners will suggest that use VIII be removed from the St. Mary's River.

It was decided that Mudd Creek would be included for uses IV and V, Coliform B, and that VIII should be eliminated from the entire Cat Creek area. Cole Creek included for use IV, and Cuckold Creek and Mill Creek would have use III added with Coliform C. Mr. G.I.R. Lore recommended that VIII be removed from the Patuxent River and all tributaries from Swanson Creek to the mouth of the river. It was agreed that uses VI and VIII should be deleted and use II added.

Dr. Dodge presented letter concerning the adverse effect a deep water port would have on the pollution of the river, and paper he had prepared for this hearing.

Town Creek and Lewis Creek were added for uses III and IV, Coliform C. DO B. Adm. Clark read from the report submitted to the Metropolitan Commission by Beavin Company. In the report Beavin concurs in assigning Use VIII in the Patuxent River as effluent will be coming down the river from development above St. Mary's County. Mr. Weber mentioned that there are several sewage treatment plants being built in Ann Arundal County, and elsewhere, and these will effect the river in St. Mary's County. He stated that use VI was assigned to the Patuxent River because of the power plants up the river. Mrs. Janssen suggested that this use be removed and

have PEPCO assigned a non-conforming use. Mr. Weber said he will present this to the commission for consideration.

It was agreed that special Condition D should be added to the Chesapeake Bay - Western Shore, regarding the temperature of the water.

Col. Baxter stated that the Rotary Club passed a resolution that the highest possible quality standards for the waters of St. Mary's County be adopted and enforced, and there was a committee attending the hearing today. Presented letter to this effect .

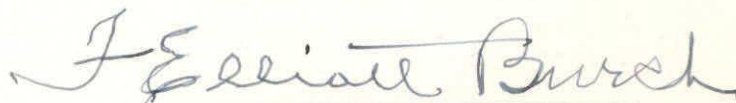
Mr. Spence Howard mentioned runoff from highway during construction. Adm. Clark said that this comes within the problems of the Metropolitan Commission. Mr. Weber said his department has contacted the SRC about this and they have agreed to permit the department to review any of their proposed projects for roads. They will include in their contracts that provision be made to shoot and seed as soon as possible when these projects are finished and not be allowed to lie fallow for any length of time. Mr. Weber said they have actual agreements with the SRC to this effect.

Mr. Lore mentioned pollution of 17,000 acres of the oyster beds in Maryland, and that over 2 million acres in the entire nation are polluted.

Adm Clark mentioned report submitted by Beavin. Mr. Weber informed those present that the Commissioners have this report and are going to submit it as recommended by the Metropolitan Commission.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President