

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

1. Called to order at 3:05 pm
2. In attendance: Dan Broyles, Terry Ercolani, Antonio Kit, Bill Moss, Art Tenbrink.
3. Approval of agenda: Bill motion, Dan second. Approved.
4. Approval of February 8, 2023 meeting minutes: Dan motion, Bill second. Approved.
5. New business
  - a. Integra Technologies and Fabs.
    - i. Discussed what this means for Bel Aire--economy, environment, social concerns (housing, services, etc.)
    - ii. Regarding water usage and environmental concerns...
      1. Integra will use will more than double the water usage for the city of Bel Aire (anticipated 2-4 million gallons per day required)
      2. Reviewed a typical semiconductor factory water production process.
      3. Wastewater is generated by the semiconductor fabrication process, which includes toxins and heavy metals. Generally, these factories have their own wastewater treatment plants on-site.
      4. Cleaned water is output from the wastewater treatment process. Unsure what Integra will do with this cleaned water.
      5. Unsure how Integra will handle water rights. Bel Air uses CCUA and Wichita for source of water, and they ensure compliance and tracking of water rights.
  - b. 2023 Water Conservation Plan
    - i. Ann Stephens reviewing the plan before it goes to the City Council
    - ii. The plan is due to KDHE in April. Briefly discussed the KDHE point system for completing various tasks and projects related to health and environmental concerns (points are awarded for having a water conservation plan).

- c. Kechi tree limb and brush waste disposal
  - i. No information regarding if Kechi has been contacted to discuss the possibility of Bel Aire residents using the Kechi site.
- d. March and April "Did You Know?"
  - i. The column was not included in the March issue of Bel Aire Breeze (issues with space)
  - ii. The column for March is now submitted for the April edition
- e. Waste Connections Hutchinson Plant visit date of May 10
  - i. Limit is 8 people to attend; 7 have signed up
- 6. Roundtable discussion
  - a. Dan, Terry, Antonio: no report
  - b. From Art:
    - i. Art mentioned Sonoco Paper Mill closing. The company recycled cardboard and fiberboard and processed it into new paper products.
    - ii. Gary Janzen has been named the new director of Public Works and Utilities for Wichita. He replaces Alan King who retired.
    - iii. The Wichita Northwest Water Treatment Plant project is on-schedule for completion in early 2025. Also, sewer improvements are coming to the south Wichita facility.
    - iv. Regarding plastic grocery bags: 122 billion bags are placed in trash each year. By 2025, Dillons (Kroger) plans to eliminate plastic bags as being generally available to customers. Polls show 75% of Wichita is agreeable to this.
    - v. Carbon recovery plant in Texas. The plant recovers carbon from various sources. The carbon is then injected into the ground to assist with oil and gas production.
    - vi. Discussed curb replacement project in Janesville area. Trash service could not be completed for one week due to the paving process. The lack of coordination between the project, trash, and city personnel was

mentioned; the city noted that better communication will happen in the future.

7. Next meeting: UAC meeting April 12, 2023, 3-5 pm at City Hall Senior Center. Accepted by the UAC members present.
8. Old, continuing, future business:
  - a. April 29: shredding and electronic waste recycling. There is a fee for certain electronic items (such as TVs).
9. Adjournment of meeting: Bill motion, Antonio second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.