

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Blowing Rock**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**Special Meeting-August 31, 2009**

The Town of Blowing Rock Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Monday, August 31, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting convened at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor J.B. Lawrence, Commissioners Bobby Ball, Keith Tester, Phillip Pickett, Albert Yount and Tommy Klutz. Others in attendance were Town Manager Scott Hildebran, Public Works Director Johnny Lentz, Town Engineers Doug Chapman, Joel Whitford and Town Clerk Sharon Greene.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. At that time everyone proceeded to the Town's Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to begin a tour of the facility.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

Town Engineer Doug Chapman began the tour by showing Council improvements to the Water Treatment Plant as part of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Chapman stated there had been several enhancements made to the electrical system making it safer and more efficient.

Mr. Chapman also stated there had been improvements made to the residual pump system which had improved the filter backwash flow and reduces the likelihood of the system flooding the basement at the WTP as it had done in the past. Mr. Chapman also stated that this was accomplished by removing the single residuals pump from the basement area and replacing it with two pumps outside of the plant.

Council continued their tour by viewing improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Mr. Chapman advised a 200,000 gallon sludge digester had been installed and the clarifier sludge removal system had been enhanced. He also stated, the influent bar screen has been upgraded with a mechanical bar screen. The old digester had been changed to an equalization basin and the influent splitter box had been improved.

According to Mr. Chapman, the next stage of planned improvements at the wastewater plant would be to repair the handrails, replacement of the generator and replacing the diffuser in the aeration basin to improve distribution. Mr. Chapman then advised the next water plant improvements included a filter media replacement and the water interconnection to Boone.

Mr. Chapman pointed out the Town had submitted an application for stimulus money to aid in funding CIP improvements, but it looked as if the Town would not be receiving

stimulus funds. Town Manager Hildebran advised the Town would receive stimulus funds to be used toward the emergency water interconnection with Boone.

Also, Council suggested that town staff make needed improvements to the outside wall at the water plant as well as repair the roof at the wastewater treatment plant.

Public Works Director Johnny Lentz advised that he had two employees Mr. Trathen Greene and Mr. James Townsend who were qualified to serve as a backup Operator Responsible Charge (ORC) for the collection system. Mr. Lentz stated Council would need to take action in order to appoint both employees to this position. Commissioner Pickett made a motion to appoint Mr. Greene and Mr. Townsend as back-up ORC's as recommended by Mr. Lentz, seconded by Commissioner Ball. Unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**MAYOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
**J.B. Lawrence**

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sharon Greene, Town Clerk**