

Town of North Collins
DWSRF Project No. 18381 - Lawtons Water District
Project Status Update
June 11, 2019 - Town Board Meeting

Project Status:

- We have worked with Badger Daylighting to uncover the locations of the existing potable water distribution pipes where we are proposing to complete interconnections and/or install isolation valves. This information will allow us to finalize the design of the water system upgrades.
- In the last update, we identified that the land acquisition needed for the meter/chlorination building was proving to be difficult due to opposition for the property owner. This process has continued to be difficult and we have decided to pursue an alternative design where the bulk water meter would be placed in a meter vault, below grade and within the Right-of-Way along Seneca Road. Both the above-grade structure and the below-grade vault will be put into the bidding documents to allow for the Town to make the final decision at the time the Contract is awarded.
- We are currently anticipating the following schedule for the project:
 - o July 2019 - Submit final plans and specifications to the Department of Health.
 - o August 2019 - Advertise for bids.
 - o Late September 2019 - Begin construction.
 - o Spring 2020 - Complete restoration of the work area.
- Please note that this schedule is somewhat aggressive and may be subject to change. Additionally, it may be advisable to delay bidding and construction until the Spring of 2020, when the bidding process is historically more competitive and may result in more favorable bid prices.

District Update/Operation and Maintenance:

- At this time, the Town of North Collins has not formally taken over the Lawtons Water District. The petition has been signed, but it has not been submitted to, or approved by, the Public Service Commission. We have been talking with Richard Schaus about the Lawtons Water District taking over the operation and maintenance of the water system, and are of the opinion that in the interim, the Town should assume the role of the Water Operator for the district. A suggestable course of action would be for the Town retain Tom Wilder (current Water Operator for the Lawtons Water Company) as a Consultant to operate the system until everything has been formally taken over by the Town.
- Once the Town of North Collins is the formal operator of the Lawtons Water District, we suggest hiring Tom Wilder as a part-time employee to operate the system. Tom has extensive knowledge of system and would be a valuable asset to the Town for daily operation and maintenance.

Please contact me via phone or email with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Caleb Henning, PE
Partner/Project Engineer