



**MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2023
FSD MEETING**

Present: Dan Vanden Berg, Eugene Klister, Sam VanHandel

Others Present: Terri Romitti, FSD; Dean Zanon, Cedar Corporation; Ginny Hinz, Onward Consulting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 a.m. at the Freedom Sanitary District Office.

Verification of posting as indicated on the bottom of the agenda.

Motion by Eugene Klister to adopt the agenda. Second by Dan Vanden Berg. Motion Carried (3-0).

Open Floor Session – None

Discussed future projects and the financial impacts of each with Ginny Hinz, financial advisor. Ginny went through the different scenarios for a new well and an update to the wastewater treatment facility for the solids portion of the plant. Each project will require a significant rate increase. Ginny also explained to the Commissioners the potential for Sanitary Districts to charge some onto the tax roll. This was pertinent information as we plan for the future projects.

Update and Discussion on the TSS WI DNR Requirements. Cedar and District Staff met to discuss the wastewater treatment facility. Katie Jo from Cedar asked if some additional testing could get done to give her some more information to work with. Cedar will work with the information given and the additional testing to prep the report for the TSS which is due November 30th.

Reviewed the report from Westech – Cost Estimates. Received a very preliminary estimate from Westech. Cedar will be reviewing as they gear up for the future well project.

Update on Future Well #3. Discussion on possibility of using Western Acres property for another well. That would increase redundancy for the system. Cedar will begin looking at if it is feasible to use that property as an option. They will also be submitting the documentation needed for the Safe Water Drinking fund by October 31st. Dean said he would be increasing the dollar amount to cover if we decide to not use the Finnigan's Ridge Treatment facility for a new well and have to install more treatment.

Update on potential of TID #3 in Town of Freedom – No update.

Engineers Report – Working on water tower inspection with contractor.

Motion by Eugene Klister to approve vouchers 19826– 19841 draws for a total of \$24,079.53 (Water \$8,967.36 and Sewer \$15,112.17) Second by Sam VanHandel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to approve the September 30, 2023 minutes as written. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Other Business Before the Board -

- The Freedom Fire Department along with Pierce Manufacturing is looking at repaving the driveway to the Quarry. The District will have no cost but will need to create a PO with the contractor MCC due to it being our property. The District will then pay MCC and be reimbursed by Pierce Manufacturing. They want the work done this year yet.
- Country Fields Subdivision Update – 33 Assessments have been paid for sold lots.
- 89 private wells were tested this year, there are 143 wells in the District.

Motion by Sam VanHandel to adjourn. Second by Dan Vanden Berg. Motion Carried (3-0).

Adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

 11-8-23
Dan Vanden Berg Date:

 11-8-23
Eugene Klister Date: