



**MINUTES  
MAY 22, 2024  
FSD MEETING**

Present: Dan Vandenberg, Eugene Klister, Sam Van Handel

Others Present: Terri Romitti, FSD; Dean Zanon, Cedar Corporation

Meeting called to order at 6:31 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 Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Open Floor Session – None

Motion by Sam Van Handel to approve vouchers 20063 – 20087 including 3 auto draws and 2 wire draws for a total of \$442,661.49 (Water \$88,002.00 and Sewer \$34,659.49) Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Motion by Dan Vandenberg to approve the April 24, 2024 minutes as written. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Update on future well #3 and the enhancements to Finnigans Ridge Treatment Facility. Scoring has been completed for the WI DNR Safe Drinking Water. The District scored a 112 which is relatively high and will hopefully mean that we will receive some principal forgiveness. Terri had met with Ginny and discussed the financial impacts. Ginny will be coming to a future meeting to explain the impact on rates. We will begin the rate case study with the WI PSC in July. By doing it all as one project instead of doing the iron filter rehab work first we will save approximately \$140,000 in interest. The Commissioners agreed to hold off on the iron filter work. The plans and Specs need to be in the DNR by June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will need to do interim financing for a few million before funding from Safe Drinking Water Loan can be released.

Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant TSS. This work is being driven by the TSS limits that the DNR requires the Sanitary District to meet. The District must submit a facilities plan that addresses this. The District did a facility plan in 2017 where we completed Phase 1 of the project (the influent area). At that time, we knew there was work to be done on the solids end and it was addressed in that facility plan. Some of the work that needs to be completed is an additional storage tank and replacing the existing one which is well past its life and has had repairs done to it, new aerobic digesters, and new fine bubble diffusers. Cedar looked at all the data and different scenarios including the hauled waste that the Plant receives. We can maintain Biological Phosphorus removal with no hauled in waste. Even with no hauled in waste though the plant will not be able to meet the TSS limit. Currently we have a 94% to 99% TSS removal efficiency and there will be one month or so that we can't meet it. There is approximately a 15% increase due to the hauled in waste. The facility plan requires a 20 year plan. Cedar estimated based on past history an additional 150 homes during that time. The total cost to take care of the solids end of the plant and the TSS is between \$10 - \$12 million. Cedar is working on finalizing the facilities plan for review by District Staff. As far as schedule, the plans and specs will take about 6 – 9 months to complete once DNR has approved the facilities plan. Construction would begin approximately Fall of 2025 – Spring of 2026. Dean did note that Brian has done a nice job utilizing the plant as best as possible with what is here currently.

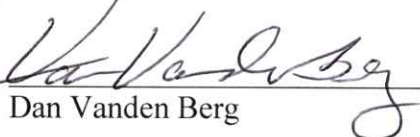
Engineers Report – Nothing else to report.

Other Business Before the Board –

- The District Staff is working with the WI DNR to do some Beta Testing for them for the monthly reporting system.
- St. Nicholas School will be coming to do a field trip to the Tower on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Terri has been working with coordinating with the School and Terri and Nicole will be present at the field trip.

Motion by Eugne Klister to adjourn. Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Adjourned at 7:14 a.m.

  
Dan Vanden Berg      6-5-24  
Date:

  
Eugene Klister      6-5-24  
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