



**MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2024
FSD MEETING**

Present: Dan Vanden Berg, Eugene Klister, Sam Van Handel

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 Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Open Floor Session –

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to approve vouchers 20174 – 20193 including three auto draws for a total of \$58,240.73 (Water \$24,179.51 and Sewer \$34,061.22) Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to approve the minutes July 14, 2024 & August 6, 2024. Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Discussed rate increase needs due to future projects with financial consultant Ginny Hinz. Ginny completed a rate case study for sewer and a step towards the full rate case study for water. Sewer will have an estimated \$11 million project and water will have a large project with installing a new well pump house/well. The water rates will be reviewed by the Public Service Commission when the full rate case study is submitted and they will determine the rate case. Estimated full increase on user charges is 60% on sewer and 63% on water. Also reviewed the hauler rates and hauling rates in the area to determine what that increase needs to be.

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to increase the sewer user rates in the Sanitary District 20% on the fixed and volume charge effective on 12/16/2024. An additional increase will happen in 2025, with the final increase to happen in 2026 when the project is complete. Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Motion by Sam Van Handel to increase Hauled in Waste rates to \$15.00 / 1,000 gallons on holding and \$39.80 / 1,000 gallons for septic to be effective on 10/1/2024. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Update on future well #3 and the enhancements to Finnigans Ridge Treatment Facility. Dean is still working with DNR regarding location of Well #3. They have spoke with local representatives regarding the potential for variances since infrastructure was installed and property purchased. Dean suggests that the District have an in person meeting with the DNR to discuss with them their thoughts.

Update on facility plan for the WWTF. Public hearing for the facility plan will be September 11, 2024. A notice will be sent to the neighbors regarding the facility plan. George Thompson from Cedar has been working through questions with the WI DNR.

Reviewed the updated developers agreement between the District/Town/KG Futures Group, LLC.

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to approve and sign the developers agreement contingent upon the change made regarding select backfill. District will require Town and Developer to sign first prior to signing. Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Update on Future Developments. Taylor VandeWettering attended the meeting to discuss his future building. Without knowing the future of Parkway the District was unable to tell him how it would be serviced. Recommended talking with the Town on what they will allow and plans for the future.


Engineers Report – Nothing else to report.

Other Business Before the Board –

- None.

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

Adjourned at 8:45 a.m.


Dan Vanden Berg Date: 9-11-24


Eugene Klister Date: 9-11-24