

GRSD SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
August 28th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Chikaming Township Hall by Chairman David Bunte. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Zach Carson, John Humphrey, Michelle Heit, and Juan Ganum.

Also Present:

Josh Teeter, Superintendent, Amanda Brunke, Recording Secretary, and Mark Prein from Prein and Newhof.

AGENDA

Motion by Michelle Heit supported by Zach Carson to approve the August 28th, 2024 agenda, with addition of Item C) under new business, Discuss Lake Haven Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Juan Ganum supported by John Humphrey to approve the minutes from the July 24th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

PAYABLES

Motion by Zach Carson supported by Michelle Heit to approve the August, 2024 Payables of the General Fund in the amount of \$873,070.88 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Manager's Report

Josh Teeter informed the Board of the following:

- A) Lift Station #1 Variable Frequency Drive still needs to be installed.
- B) Completed draw downs in Chikaming Township.
- C) Primary Clarifier construction continues.
- D) Bar Screen #2 and Auger needs to be rebuilt and serviced.
- E) Blower #4 cooling turbo was repaired.
- F) Digester roof repair was completed.
- G) Sludge haul will be done soon.
- H) Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes was selected by the Subcommittee to handle GRSD's legal needs.
- I) The system will be sampled to look for sources of copper.

Engineer's Report Mark Prein from Prein and Newhof informed the Board of the following:

A.) Updates on the CIP Projects, Metering Review, Chemical Bulk Storage Tank Replacement, Primary Clarifier No.3, Sludge Pump Replacement Projects, Blower Project Replacement, and North End Equalization Basin.

FINANCIAL

The Treasury Report for the General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Operations and Maintenance Reports, Flow Readings, Manager's Report, and Engineer's Report.

Motion by Zach Carson supported by Michelle Heit to accept the Treasury Report and the Monthly Reports to be placed on file. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A) Discussed updates on progress of improving I&I.
- B) Discuss Approve Primary Clarifier No.3 payment application.

Motion by Juan Ganum supported by John Humphrey to approve Payment Application No. 8 for the Primary Clarifier No.3 in the amount of \$238,695.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

C.) Discussed Primary Clarifier No.3, Change Order No.2.

Motion by Michelle Heit supported by Zach Carson to approve Change Order No.2, for the Primary Clarifier No.3 Project, in the amount of \$196,756.62. All ayes. Motions carried.

D.) Discussed financial advisor options. The board decided to stay with Andy Campbell and his new firm.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Discussed pricing and bidding for the Blower Replacement Project.
- B.) Discussed Bar Screen and Auger rebuild.

Motion by Juan Ganum supported by Michelle Heit to approve the Bar Screen and Auger rebuild by JWC in the amount of \$47,186.55. All ayes. Motion carried.

C.) Discussed the Lake Haven Project.

Motion by John Humphrey supported by Michelle Heit to approve the Lake Township, Lake Haven Project Development based on the review of the Sewer Authorities Superintendent and Engineers, in stipulations in clause #1 in the Sewer Service Agreement that specify that Part #41 Permit have been met. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A.) John Wilk asked about updates on the City of Bridgman's retention ponds.
- B.) Lauton Olson discussed importance of making mapping available to everyone.
- C.) Randy Lutter from the Prairie Club in Harbert said that E.coli testing continues, and asked for updates regarding Chikaming Townships study.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

A.) The Board Members thanked GRSD for handling the issues caused by the storms.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michelle Heit supported by Zach Carson to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:38 a.m.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested To:

Chairman – David Bunte

Secretary – Juan Ganum

Recording Secretary – Amanda Brunke