

GRSD SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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, Darwin Watson, Michelle Heit, and Juan Ganum.

Also Present:

Josh Teeter, Superintendent, Michelle Pliske, Recording Secretary, Mark Prein from Prein and Newhof and Andy Campbell from Bendzinski & Co.

AGENDA

Motion by Darwin Watson supported by Juan Ganum to approve the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 agenda with the addition of New Business Item B – Bridgman Trails Development. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Zach Carson supported by Michelle Heit to approve the minutes from the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and the July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Workshop Meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PAYABLES

Motion by Darwin Watson supported by Zach Carson to approve the July 2025 Payables of the General Fund in the amount of \$461,444.75 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

**Manager's Report**

Josh Teeter informed the Board of the following:

- A) AT&T copper lines soon to be extinct looking at better antennas as other options have not worked
- B) Experiencing lighting issues at plant. Waiting on repairs costs.
- C) Additional Monitoring samples have been completed; awaiting lab results
- D) Rebate for Blower #1 was originally stated at \$10,000 but they have pulled back offer and we have installed a logger on equipment to better gauge cost/savings
- E) Secondary Clarifier Mechanism is in review.
- F) Waste Line in plant was impacted heavily. Upon digging up line for repair it was noted the line was improperly installed causing the issues. We installed clean outs to maintain line in the future.
- G) Weesaw Township was overwhelmed almost instantly with recent rains
- H) Sanitary Sewer surveys are still being sent out
- I) Andy Campbell presenting finance options for plant upgrades
- J) Looking into review for Bridgman PUD
- K) EGLE IPP inspection was August 26, 2025

- L) Union Negotiation initial meeting was held on August 15, 2025 and follow-up meeting was on August 26, 2025

**Engineer's Report** Mark Prein from Prein and Newhof submitted the following report:

- A) Updates on the Metering review, Primary Clarifier No. 3 and Chemical Storage Maintenance, Sludge Pump Replacement Project, Blower Replacement Project, Plant Improvements, Clarifier Mechanical Failure, Plan Reviews, SRF and Congressional Directed Spending.

### 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 Darwin Watson 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) Review Primary Clarifier No. 3, Change order No. 4. Motion by Juan Ganum supported by Michelle Heit to approve Primary Clarifier No. 3, Change order No. 4 to reduce the contract cost by \$161,795.98. All ayes. Motion carried.  
C) Review/Approve Primary Clarifier No. 3, Payment Application No. 16

Motion by Darwin Watson Supported by Zach Carson to approve Primary Clarifier No. 3, Payment Application No. in the amount of \$120,544.60 as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Andy Campbell presented finance options for upcoming plant improvements  
B.) Discussion about Bridgman Trails Development in the City of Bridgman

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- A) None.

### BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

- A) Juan Ganum stated September will be his last meeting. AJ Mottl from Bridgman Water & Sewer Department will be the temporary fill in on the board

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Darwin Watson supported by Michelle Heit to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:11 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested To:

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Chairman – David Bunte

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Secretary – Juan Ganum

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Recording Secretary – Michelle Pliske