

**Minutes of the
Green Sanitary Sewer and Water District Commission
6:00 p.m., Monday, May 24, 2010
GLSSWD Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Present: Clayton Anderson, Dennis Baker, Dennis Peterson, Marv Hey, Craig Aurand, John Bergman, Troy Block, Brett Aamot

Absent: Kevin Dittbenner

Others present: Ron Hagemeyer, Brad DeWolf, Gary Danielson

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Dennis Baker, at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2010 at the GLSSWD Wastewater Treatment Plant.

City of Kandiyohi Update

The generators have been set in place and most of the concrete is poured at the lift stations. There are some pipe pressure testing issues being checked out and getting corrected. It was discovered that some ¼” holes were drilled into the force main pipe as it was along County Road 26 waiting to be installed by directional boring. Wastewater could possibly be running into the pipe in two weeks.

Diamond Lake Update

The bid opening was during the County Board meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2010. An open house, informational meeting, and the formal public hearing were held on Friday, May 21, 2010 at the Atwater Community Center. The Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners awarded the bid to the low bidder Ellingson Drainage, Inc. of West Concord, Minnesota in the amount of \$4,179,340.04.

The assessments will be about \$100 less than projected last September. Currently there are 319 residents, non-compliant or compliant, connecting to the system which is about an 80% hook-up rate. The project is anticipated to start in about 3 to 4 weeks with the loop around the lake completed by mid-September 2010 and all services installed by mid-September, 2011.

Biosolids Storage

The Commission viewed a single drawing of the new biosolids storage tank proposed to be built south of the existing biosolids storage tank. The new tank will have an approximate 190,000 gallons holding capacity at an estimated cost of \$490,000. The plans are currently at the MPCA for review and approval. There is anticipation of getting comments back in the next couple of weeks.

Biosolids Storage Funding

The funding for the new biosolids storage tank will be included in the bond sales on June 15, 2010 for the Diamond Lake project. It was suggested to go with a 20-year plan and reserve some of the EDU's to finance future capital improvement expenses at the plant. Following some discussion the Commission is in agreement with the need for funds for capital improvements at the District.

A motion to support the bond sales coming up on June 15, 2010 and do the final approval after the sales was made by Clayton Anderson and seconded by Marv Hey. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Troy Block moved with Brett Aamot seconding to approve the biosolids storage going to bids pending approval by MPCA. The motion carried with no further discussion.

Water Tower Repair Quote

The Green Lake and Spicer water towers have been cleaned on the outside. The paint on the Green Lake water tower is in good shape, however, the Spicer water tower has some rust spots on the upper part of the stem along with some vertical bowl welds that need to be repaired. A quote has been

received from Water Tower Coat and Clean to sandblast the spots down to the bare metal and repaint for \$2,700. There have been no additional quotes sought because this seems to be a reasonable amount for the work needing to be done. Following some discussion, a motion to accept the quote was made by John Bergman and seconded by Troy Block. The motion carried.

Water Tower Space Rental Proposal

MVTV Wireless Communication from Granite Falls, Minnesota has approached the District to install equipment on the three water towers for providing rural internet service.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Clayton Anderson and seconded by Marv Hey to request a \$1.00 per foot of height rental fee with a 2% increase per year and review any response at the June meeting. The motion carried.

Grinder Station Repairs at 9130 Lake Avenue South & 11463 North Shore Drive

The Commission was informed of two grinder station force mains requiring repair in the last 10 days. The discharge pipe elbows at the grinder station cracked.

Grinder Station Electric Power Credit Review

There are currently 47 power credits of \$10 per month being paid to private electrical services providing electricity to District grinder pump stations. Some property owners are now requesting more credit. There was discussion regarding bringing in the District's own electric service to these grinder pump stations.

Marv Hey made a motion seconded by Troy Block to have the cost of bringing in the District's own electric service investigated and reported back at the June meeting. Following some discussion, the motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Flows

The water loss for April is Spicer 6.4%, Green Lake/Eagles Estates 19.4%, and New London 20.4%. The monthly average is 15.4% with a year-to-date average of 22.1%. There are plans to find all the curb stops and check the lines for leaks.

Wastewater flows numbers were discussed. The mag meter on 67th Street is not working properly because of improper installation.

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A motion to approve the minutes was made by Clayton Anderson and seconded by John Bergman. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

Bills

A motion to approve the bills was made by Marv Hey and seconded by Clayton Anderson. With no discussion, the motion carried.

Other

The City of Kandiyohi has approved the \$6.00 per EDU/month rate for the use of their trunk line by the Diamond Lake area. A formal agreement will need to be drafted and approved by all parties.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Troy Block and seconded by Brett Aamot. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 28, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Slinden
Recording Secretary