

**Minutes of the
Green Lake Sanitary Sewer and Water District Commission
6:00 p.m., Monday, July 26, 2010
GLSSWD Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Present: Clayton Anderson, Craig Aurand, Marv Hey, Dennis Baker, Denis Peterson, Troy Block, Kevin Dittbenner, Brett Aamot

Absent: John Bergman

Others present: Ron Hagemeyer, Brad DeWolf, Roger Stehn

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Dennis Baker, at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2010 at the GLSSWD Wastewater Treatment Plant.

69th Street Water Pressure Review

The water pressure readings will be monitored over time to see what types of fluctuations are seen during the course of any given day on the hydrant versus what is happening inside the houses. Sometimes there is a drop in water pressure experienced inside a house because of high water use type fixtures. A data logger to record and measure the water pressure has been ordered by Bolton & Menk and will be installed on a hydrant at the entrance of 69th Street to monitor the pressure. The data logger may also be installed in the houses for monitoring the individual pressure.

Water Leak at 11669 North Shore Drive (Parsons)

While the plant operator was checking the 2-C lift station, water was noticed to be running between the house and bunk house towards the lake. The private water shut off was turned off and the resident was notified. Since no water has been noticed when going back several times, it is assumed the water leak has been repaired by the owner.

Grinder Station Force Main Repair – 12617 North Shore Drive (Plotnik)

The pipe elbow on the force main was found to be broken. This is the third force main pipe elbow regarding Green Lake stations that has failed and required repair in the last two months. The line break occurred the Friday afternoon of the 4th of July weekend. The District and a septic hauler ran through the weekend hauling wastewater and keeping the station operational for the resident. Quam Construction repaired the break on Tuesday and the District completed the restoration work. Following discussion, the Commission requested for Brad to check the bid specifications for the pipe on the original project if this pipe met the actual specifications.

Biosolids Storage

Approval from the MPCA was received on July 23, 2010. Advertising for bids is scheduled for July 29, August 5 & 12, 2010. The bids will be opened Monday, August 23, 2010 at 1 p.m. at the County Health & Human Services building and will be reviewed by the GLSSWD Commission at 6 p.m. during its regular monthly meeting. The County Board is scheduled to consider the bid at the September 7, 2010 board meeting. The start of construction should be September, 2010 with final project completion July, 2011.

Equipment Replacement Needs

Because of the revenue situation of the District there has not been the opportunity to purchase capital equipment as needed. There is a desperate need for equipment now. These would be two pickups and a skid loader trailer with the actual cost figures available at next month's meeting. These purchases would be tied in with the Biosolids project. Repayment to the Biosolids project loan would be made by using funds from approximately 125 Diamond Lake edu's. The estimated pay back period for the capital equipment would be approximately three years.

A motion authorizing to precede with the equipment replacement needs was made by Troy Block and seconded by Clayton Anderson. Following additional discussion regarding Mn/DOT requirements, the motion carried.

Tower Cleaning Report

The New London and Green Lake water towers are generally in good shape. Some slight repair recommendations were made, however, not sure the need is now. Eventually the time will come to do some major work on the towers.

The recommendation for the Spicer water tower is a complete blast and recoat of the entire wet and dry interior of the tower. This is not urgently needed today, but down the road in a year or two there will be a need to look at the blast and recoat of the tower interior.

The Commission requested getting figures for the work as well as what the warranty on the paint job would be for next month meeting.

City of Kandiyohi Update

There is no wastewater currently running to the plant, however, pumping should begin a week from Wednesday. The vandalized pipe has been repaired by pulling the pipe, removing the damaged section, and installing new pipe. The telemetry is being checked to get the SCADA system to communicate.

Diamond Lake Update

A map showing pipe currently installed and future work for the next two weeks on the project was distributed to the Commission. There will be three crews working for the next few weeks. The main line should be in about September 1, 2010. Service laterals will then be worked on. There was a meeting with the Diamond Lake Sewer Committee on Saturday with everything going well.

Water/Wastewater Flows

Water loss for the month of June is Spicer 17.5%, Green Lake/Eagles Estates is 17%, and New London is 18.8%. The monthly average is 17.7% with a year-to-date average of 20%.

The water volume used for the tower cleaning, including the volume spend by the pressure relief, was metered and added to the accounted for water numbers.

Wastewater flows continue to be tracked in order to note any red flags indicating things not quite right. The effluent mag meter has been out for repairs because of a lightning strike and should be back tomorrow.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brett Aamot and seconded by Craig Aurand. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

Bills

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

Other

There seems to be no one to notify for the call out issues for Lake Florida. Brad DeWolf will check this out. Some confusion exists between what is a warranty issue and routine maintenance which is the property owner's responsibility. The suggestion was made for residents to have the grinder pump stations serviced yearly by a plumber to avoid problems.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marv Hey and seconded by Clayton Anderson. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Slinden
Recording Secretary