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GRAND HAVEN-SPRING LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY

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The regular meeting of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority will be held at 8:15 A.M. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at 519 Washington St. Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday May 17, 2023

8:15 A.M.

1. Meeting called to order 8:15 a.m.

2. Roll Call:

Gordon Gallagher	Spring Lake Township
Treasurer Craig Bessinger	City of Ferrysburg
Patrick Staskiewicz	Ottawa County Road Commission
Bill Cargo	Grand Haven Township
Vice Chairperson Ashley Latsch	City of Grand Haven

Not Present:

Joel Tepastte	Village of Spring Lake
Steve Namenye	Member at Large
Chairperson Christine Burns	Village of Spring Lake

Also Present:

Ryan Vredevelt	WWTP Superintendent
Cory VanOeveren	WWTP Environmental Compliance Supervisor
Alando Chappell	Grand Haven Township

3. Approval of the minutes of the February 15, 2023 Sewer Authority Board meeting

Motion to approve – Gallagher
Support – Bessinger

All in favor – Motion carries

4. Public Comment

No public comment

5. Financial Report

2023 debt – short with cash on hand, borrowed from the plant's operating cash fund. Will reimburse when money is collected in sufficient amounts. Also noted that our investments continue to receive exceptional returns.

6. Superintendent's Report

Plant has been operating really well. Solids have been close to 6% going into storage tanks, but coming out for land application it is closer to 4%. Need to get into the tanks and evaluate the sumps and the valves. Roughly 250,000 gallons will need to be removed when that time comes. East End basketball court project is going well. Construction to start this week. Asphalt removal and replacement.

Gallagher – Can you please prepare a visual to show what the Sewer Authority owns and what the City of Grand Haven is leasing?

Cargo – Add tags on GIS so it is easily accessible in the future.

Party in the park – July 13th

Live Music, Food, guided tours, kids events

Southwest primary clarifier –

Ran into a lot of issues with the mechanical workings. Company stood behind their product and provided replacement parts at no cost

7. General Business.

A. 2022-2023 Budget Amendments

At this time, the Sewer Authority Board may approve a motion to accept the updated FY 2022-2023 budget revenues and expenses as presented.

Expenditures are project to be more than what was originally budgeted, but that is mostly due to the baffle replacement project, which is a cash funded project so the \$30,000 difference from reduction of revenue will be made up for

Motion to approve the budget amendments as proposed – Gallagher

Support – Pat S

All in favor – Motion carries

B. Future Biosolids at WWTP

Met with multiple engineering firms to discuss anaerobic digester to capitalize on IRA tax credits

After our meetings and further discussion, the cost of the project and the potential impact on our process, it was determined anaerobic digestion is not the best route.

Would likely be over 50 years to see return on investment.
Decided to not pursue any study directed specifically at anaerobic digestion. We will continue to evaluate potential improvements for the future outlook of our solids handling process which still may include anaerobic digestion – many options should be considered in a more in depth evaluation.

C. Debt Rates for FY 2023-2024

Memo from Ottawa County Road Commission providing their recommendations for debt rates for our 2013 and 2018 bonds.

Slight increase in rates for pump station and force main

Drawing down surplus for Local pump station and Headworks

2013 bond issue – Slight increase to rates

Cargo – Where do we stand with the current balances vs projections?

Headworks and Local pump station are close to original projections.

2013 bond – Pat needs to look into it further and will get that information out

Originally Projected - \$148/MG

Currently Proposed - \$139/MG

In the future, include projected rates vs current rates to show whether we are on track or not

Cargo makes a motion to approve recommended rate changes

Gallagher support

All in favor motion carries

D. Grand Haven pump station force main @ Adams St.

Plant staff is presenting a proposal from an engineering consultant that outlines a scope of work that in summary would assess the best possible method for replacing the three (3) air release valves that service the force main traveling from Adams St. pump station to the WWTP.

Motion to move forward with performing a study to address the project – Latsch

Support – Cargo

All in favor – Motion carries

8. Board Member Comments.

No comments

9. Announcement of next Sewer Authority Meeting: August 16, 2023

10. Adjournment. 9:07 a.m.

Sewer Authority Members:

Christine Burns, Chairperson
Ashley Latsch, Vice Chairperson
Craig Bessinger, Treasurer
Steve Namenye
Gordon Gallagher
Patrick Staskiewicz
Bill Cargo
Joel Tepastte

Alternate Members:

Wally Delamater
Derek Gajdos
Matt Schindlbeck

Joe Wallace
Alando Chappell

Consultants:

Matt VanHoef

Others:

Grand Haven Tribune
Catherine McNally
Maria Boersma

GENERAL MEMBERS: IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR
ALTERNATE SO THAT HE/SHE MAY