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WASTEWATER BOARD MEETING October 25, 2023 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Mike Mroczek called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mroczek asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Chair Mroczek took roll call. Members present: John Brandt, Dan Stutsman, and Dave Stiffler, Bruce Cassady and John Bossler. Members absent: Jeff VanBelle.

Public Comments (3 minutes per person) Mary Anne Crete of Edwardsburg, MI and Cobert Lake property owner stated the need for a wastewater sewer system around Cobert Lake and be connected to the Ontwa Township system. Ms. Crete asked that the lake be tested for E.coli and the subject be added to the next Wastewater Board Meeting's agenda.

Approve Agenda – Member Stutsman makes the motion to add to the October 25, 2023 agenda under New Business line item #2. Donohue Associates. Member Bossler supports the motion. All members present vote yea, no nays. **Motion carries** to the addition of line item 2. - Donohue Associates in New Business.

Approve Last Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2023 Minutes. Member Cassady makes the motion to remove from the minutes the second bullet item on the second page of the September 27, 2023 Minutes. Member Bossler supports the motion. All members present vote yea, no nays.

Motion carries.

Member Stutsman makes the motion to accept the September 27, 2023 minutes as amended. Member Cassady supports. All members vote yea, no nays. **Motion carries**

Financial Report The financial report was included in the packet. Chairman Mroczek pointed out the systems are operating well and under budget.

Wastewater Report - Administrator Brigid Forlenza

1. **I.A.I Reports** – Reports are included in the packets. Discussion followed.

2. **Wastewater Report** -

- Doug Prudden – LD DOCSA – Project schedule to begin the second week of November 2023.
- Awaiting delivery of chemical feed pumps.
- Flight Pump C1 - Quote in package.
- EGLE approved Eagle Ridge LLC Permit
- Administrator provided firm KELCO Enterprises with information regarding pumps and generator for Eagle Ridge Lift Station.
- Administrator requested from Dan Fox of Astbury Water Technology, Inc. to provide monthly report regarding maintenance at the scrubber vent location.
- On October 12, 2023 – Ad Hoc committee (Administrator Forlenza, Members Mroczek and Bossler) and John Petrasek and Ray Stoddard, both with I.A.I., met with Laura Kolo at the Elkhart Public works to discuss the system.

- Administrator Forlenza contacted Boulderman about needed repairs of rocks which had slipped away at Eagle Lake Lift Station. Repairs are now completed.
- I.A.I. cleaned the air release valves in the system October 16th through 27th.
- New odallogger information was requested from Detection Instruments as the 3g data in current odaloggers is not supported. Administrator will have this item on the next agenda with more information.

Unfinished Old Business

None to discuss

New Business

1. Kennedy Industries Quote – C1 pump

Member Stutsman makes the motion to accept the quote from Kennedy Industries for a FLYGT 3153 Pump with a chrome impeller to be placed at C1 for the amount not to exceed \$29,000.00. Member Bossler supports. A roll call vote is taken and all members vote yea, no nays. **Motion carries. Discussion follows.**

Discussion followed regarding the chrome impeller, as quoted, or to require a stainless steel pump. Member Brandt stated the stainless steel pump would be more costly but more durable, last longer and have fewer required repairs as this has been previously experienced. Other members agreed and would like to learn if a pump could be obtained with a stainless steel impeller from Kennedy Industries. A second motion is made.

A motion is made to purchase a FLYGT Pump from Kennedy Industries with a stainless steel impeller not to exceed \$35,000.00. Member Stiffler supports. A roll call vote is taken. All members present vote yea, no nays. **Motion carries.**

Two motions were made. After Administrator investigates which is the best option it will be taken to the next BOT Board Meeting. This project is time sensitive.

2. Donohue Associates – Discussion followed as to hiring the firm as engineer regarding Village Iron Filtration Plant. Administrator will investigate.

Member Cassady makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Brandt supports the motion to adjourn. Meeting is adjourned at 6:37 PM.

ADJOURN: 6:37 PM

Submitted By: Lori Mroczek, Recording Secretary