

**JOHNSBURG SANITARY DISTRICT
MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING
August 6, 2020
5:00 P.M.
ST. JOHN'S PARISH HOUSE**

Members present: President Franz Schmitz and Commissioners Dennis Lefebber and Ken Schneider. Also present: Recording Secretary Brenda Schneider and Katherine Diederich.

1. Call to order. President Schmitz called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes of the 7/9/2020 meeting. Motion by Dennis Lefebber, second by Ken Schneider, to approve the minutes of the July 9th meeting as distributed. Motion carried (3-0). Ken Schneider contacted Sabel Mechanical to stress the need for more detailed billing. He is awaiting a call back from the person that handles the billing for the company
3. Discussion and possible action regarding operational issues:
 - a. Meter station. The City recommends the flow meter be replaced. Cody Schoepke submitted the following quotes: an ultrasonic meter is \$4,382; and, a laser meter is \$15,199. It was noted, per the Agreement with the City, the City has the authority to replace the meter, at the District's expense, without approval by the Commission.

The Commission accepted an offer from Hal Henderson, Missions Communications, to temporarily install a Missions-compatible radar meter for a trial period. Hal is working with the City to determine if the meter would meet with their approval. The trial is expected to be for a period not to exceed 90 days, at no cost to the District for the trial period. There is no project update at this time.
 - b. Lift Station. The July pump runtime reports were reviewed.
 - c. Grinder pump stations. Noting to report at this time.
 - d. Odor Issues. Sabel Mechanical recently replenished to medium at the air vents. Ken has not received any complaints since the new rooftop vents were installed.
 - e. Other operational issues. Nothing to report at this time.
4. Approval of District bills. Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Dennis Lefebber, to approve the bills (order #54-57) for a total of \$2,194.06, and to authorize the following:
 - Transfer \$18,275.92.00 from the Operations/User Charge Account to the Local Revenues Account.Motion carried (3-0).
5. Agreement for the Allocation of Costs and Transportation of Wastewater Between Taycheedah Sanitary District No. 1 and Johnsborg Sanitary District. President Schmitz attempted to meet with Attorney Matt Parmentier. There appears to be some confusion as to the status of JSD as a client due to the fact the District has not sought legal counsel since Attorney John St. Peter retired. Attorney Parmentier was not available this week.

Ken Schneider's main concern with the draft document is sharing in the expenses of the meters. He is of the opinion that our existing contract is good and does not see a reason to completely replace it.

Dennis Lefebber has concerns with the timing of the Master Agreement negotiations.

Ken questions the additional language. He continues to support changing the existing agreement to clarify cost-sharing at the three lift stations.

Katherine Diederich commented that if you continue to wait for the perfect scenario with the OSG, it will be another ten years. The goal of the districts is to have a consistent agreement. Eric Otte did not find anything detrimental to the districts in Matt Parmentier's comments. Katherine added that TSD#1 does not like the current agreements because of the lack of cost-share at the lift stations. She took the best parts of each of the existing agreements to create the proposed version. In response to the question of TSD#3's intent, Katherine commented that if it gets on the agenda, it will be approved by John Rickert and herself.

Brenda Schneider clarified, as noted in the minutes of the joint sanitary district meetings, that the upstream districts never agreed to a new agreement. The parties consistently stated they would support amendments to their existing agreements.

A year ago, JSD approved and submitted an amendment to their agreement clarifying cost-sharing at the lift stations. TSD#1 has not provided a reply.

Ken Schneider is concerned with the fact TSD#1 released version 1 containing a significant error and now there is a version 2 and 3. It appears someone is trying to stir-up issues. He's had past issues when he was on the school board for the Holyland School District. The Diocese required the schools establish boundaries. One of the TSD#1 Commissioners misinterpreted the project and caused issues between him and other members of the community, including his sister. He lost trust in this individual. Ken wants to keep the existing agreement and is not concerned if there continues to be three different agreements.

Dennis Lefeber supports meeting with the attorney.

6. Schedule the next meeting. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th at 5:00 pm.
7. Adjournment. Motion by Dennis Lefeber, second by Ken Schneider, to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 pm. Motion carried (3-0).

Attest. _____
Brenda A. Schneider, District Recording Secretary