

**TAYCHEEDAH SANITARY DISTRICT #3**  
**MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**November 18, 2021**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**TAYCHEEDAH TOWN HALL**

Members present: President Katherine Diederich and Commissioners Brian Mand and Rich Boudreau.  
Also present: John Rickert, Jamie & Sue Fiebig, and Recording Secretary Brenda Schneider.

Call to order. President Diederich called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the minutes of the 10/11/2021 monthly meeting. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Rich Boudreau, to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion carried (3-0).

Approval of the bills. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Rich Boudreau, approve the bills as distributed (order #109-122), for a total of \$18,988.11. Motion carried (3-0).

Katherine Diederich, second by Brian Mand, to authorize the following:

- Transfer \$20,000 from the Operations/User Charge Account to the regular checking account, and
- Transfer \$269.13 from the Operations/Inspection Account to the regular checking account.

Motion carried (3-0).

The Commission discussed modifications to the Treffert agreement. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Brian Mand, to release the payment to Ziegelbauer Septic. Motion carried (2-0). Abstention-Rich Boudreau, sitting he wasn't serving on the Commission at the time of the event.

Sewer System Maintenance:

1. Consideration and possible action regarding general maintenance and operational issues:

- a. Meter Stations. The October pump-run time reports for all lift stations were reviewed.
- b. Lift Stations. Speedy Clean has cleaned all six stations. They found a lot of grease in the Schuster station. They also found a lot of rags, believed to be sanitizing wipes.  
John Rickert replaced nine rusty padlocks. He will order more locks from Precision that will match the current key.
  - i. Discuss the purchase of generators, access to a generator and the equipment to operate it. Rich Boudreau reported a quote of approximately \$23,000 per portable generator with installation. Rich also reported that the Commission needs to decide if they want the units mobile or pad-mounted so the installation locations can be determined based upon the easements. A decision also needs to be made regarding fencing. He noted there is a six-month lead time on the project.
- c. Grinder stations.
  - i. Upgrading panels and replacement of parts. Sabel Mechanical planned to fix three of the broken conduits discovered at five of the stations. John Rickert contacted the owners. Sabel cancelled the work because they forgot to call Digger's Hotline. As of today, the work has not started. The repair of the conduits will be an extra cost when they do the upgrades to the stations.
- d. Televising repairs. John Rickert reported that all repairs are done with the exception of the deep manhole cover on Redtail Lane. He has the needed riser rings and tar rings. The repair will be done in the spring.
- e. Clearwater inspections. Home inspections are currently suspended.
- f. Other maintenance and operational issues. A number of years ago, the District purchased gas cards for the neighbors that mowed the lawn at the Evergreen, Schuster and CTH WH lift stations. This practice was suspended a few years ago. Commission consensus was to purchase \$50 gas cards for these individuals. Brenda will research the recipients.

New Business:

1. Review sewer extension waiver requirements. The original plan for sewer construction was to build a lift station near the existing two homes located at the end of the joint driveway. At the time, Fr. Wally sent a letter to the Commission on behalf of himself and the Kissers. Fr. Wally indicated developers had expressed interest in the properties. The letter further indicated a desire of the parties to sell their properties at the same time. On September 19, 2020, the Commission decided not to build this station. It was further decided that the waiver to the connection requirement was conditional upon if and when the property is subdivided.

Jamie and Sue Fiebig, along with Jamie's sister Sue and her fiancé Lindsey Bovinet, planned to purchase and develop several properties including the ones formerly owned by Fr. Wally. The Fiebigs indicated they were told that improvements to Fr. Wally's house, beyond the original footprint, would require connection to the sanitary sewer. They had an estimate of \$75-100,000 for the construction of a lift station with a 4" ejector line to the main. Due to their understanding of the waiver condition, they did not pursue purchasing the properties.

The Fiebigs question the substantial addition Josh Mason is doing to Fr. Wally's house that includes having to replace the existing on-site septic system.

Brenda Schneider is unaware of the Commission ever establishing a 'footprint' stipulation on Fr. Wally's house. The Fiebigs will research their documentation to determine the origin of their information.
2. Review Carolyn A Victor Conservancy, Inc. quarterly fee. The current quarterly rate is \$150. The Victors bought the former Fife property for the purpose of establishing a conservancy area. They have since demolished the house and the grinder pump station was disabled. Pursuant to the District's ordinance Section 4.3(c), the quarterly fee for the property was reduced by \$27.50 for the average per unit cost of treatment. The rate reduction for capped sewers will be further discussed at the next meeting.
3. Review list of special assessments for the tax roll. The special assessment history was explained to the Commission. The remaining outstanding special assessments will be charged the 19<sup>th</sup> installment payment on the 2021 tax bills. The installment schedule established 20 annual payments. Delinquent user charges are also added to the applicable tax bills as a special charge.
4. Review hourly rate for District accountant. Farvour Accounting Service has charged \$20 an hour since the District began providing service in 2004. Katherine Diederich will research comparable rates.
5. Update from Outlying Sewer Group meeting. Postponed to the November meeting.

Next meeting: Tentatively scheduled on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm.

Comments from the public pertaining to District business. No public comment was presented.

Adjournment. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Rich Boudreau, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. Motion carried (3-0).

Attest. \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda A. Schneider, District Recording Secretary