

TAYCHEEDAH SANITARY DISTRICT #3
MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING
March 16, 2023
5:30 P.M.
TAYCHEEDAH TOWN HALL

Members present: President Katherine Diederich, and Commissioners Brian Mand and Mark Haensgen. Also present: Recording Secretary Brenda Schneider, John Rickert and Joel Nett.

Call to order. President Diederich called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the minutes of the 2/16/2023 monthly meeting. Motion by Mark Haensgen, second by Katherine Diederich, to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on February 16th, as distributed. Motion carried (3-0).

Approval of the bills. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Brian Mand, to approve the bills (order #20-24), for a total of \$73,371.28. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Mark Haensgen, to authorize the following:

- Transfer \$73,125.00 from the Operations/User Charge Account to the regular checking account, and Motion carried (3-0).

Discuss investments. Marine Credit Union's rates have decreased significantly. Rate quotes from National Exchange Bank & Trust were reviewed. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Mark Haensgen, to modify the authorization granted to the Recording Secretary by retracting the directive to invest \$200,000 in a CD at Marine Credit Union and to instead repurpose the investment of the funds at NEBAT for 36 months at 4.15%. Motion carried (3-0).

Sewer System Maintenance:

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

a. Meter Stations. Nothing to report at this time.

b. Lift Stations. The February pump-run time reports for all lift stations were reviewed.

Last weekend John Rickert and Mark Haensgen were out of town. The QQ lift station triggered the low level alarm. Rickert checked the station after arriving home. He discovered grease build-up in the station.

i. Discuss the purchase of generators, access to a generator and the equipment to operate it. (*Reprinted from February 24, 2022 meeting.*) Randy Rieder offered the District use of the Town's portable generator noting that sanitary district use was the purpose of the purchase. Mark Haensgen and John Rickert will work with Randy to test the generator at one of the lift stations. Proceeding with the possible purchase of a stationary generator will be based upon the result of the testing. The test has not yet been scheduled.

c. Grinder stations. John Rickert reported the broken conduits on the Aspen Court location and on the Limburg station were repaired.

On September 13, 2021, the Commission accepted a quote from Sabel Mechanical to upgrade all of the grinder pump stations. At this time, some of the stations have been started but none of those are complete. Of the stations that have been started, none of them have had the telemetry installed and the spliced electrical wiring in the wet well has yet to be replaced in accordance with Code. A representative of Sabel Mechanical recently told Rickert they were not able to get the components before winter; however, they plan to continue the project soon.

d. Clearwater inspections. With the recent completion of the modifications at the Zimmerman property, all violations have now been remediated.

- e. Other maintenance and operational issues. Nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Discuss connection inspection services. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Brian Mand, to retain John Rickert as the Connection Inspection Provider and to alert contractors of the 48-hour notice requirement. Motion carried (3-0).

New Business:

- 1. Review Section 6.1 of the Sewer Uses Ordinance and confirm timing of user charge for new construction. The Ordinance has been in place since 2005. It states that the user charge begins with the first full quarter following the issuance of a permit; however, the practice has been to begin the charge as of the first full quarter following connection.

Joel Nett recommends amending the Ordinance to initiate the charge upon the issuance of an Occupancy Permit by the Building Inspector. Nett informed the Commission that he always has a porta-potty onsite that costs him \$75 a month for pumping plus he is required to pay the user charge which feels like he's being double-billed. Nett believes having a porta-potty onsite may be a Code requirement. Because of the timing of the charge, Nett's perspective clients have questioned the reasoning of initiating the charge prior to occupancy. It also increases the cost of spec homes.

Katherine Diederich commended Nett for being an ethical contractor, noting not all contractors are ethical. The City monitors and bills the District based upon our flows including certain contaminates in the flows. Anything can be put into the system as soon as there is a connection.

Diederich noted further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

Schedule the next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th, at 5:30 pm.

Comments from the public pertaining to District business. None presented.

Adjournment. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Mark Haensgen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. Motion carried (3-0).

Attest. _____
Brenda A. Schneider, District Recording Secretary