

TAYCHEEDAH SANITARY DISTRICT #3
MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING
April 5, 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 3/16/2023 monthly meeting. Motion by Mark Haensgen, second by Brian Mand, to approve the minutes of the meeting conducted on March 16th, as distributed. Motion carried (3-0).

Approval of the bills. Motion by Katherine Diederich, second by Brian Mand, to approve the bills (order #25-29), for a total of \$12,573.99 including the hand-delivered 2019 4th quarter O&M bill from Taycheedah Sanitary District #1. Motion carried (3-0).

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

- Transfer \$12,500.00 from the Operations/User Charge Account to the regular checking account, and
- Authorize the payment of \$321.05 for Kim Blick's double-charged special assessment.

Motion carried (3-0).

Discuss investments. The CD at National Exchange Bank matured. The CD was renewed with an additional \$200,000 at 4.15% for a term of 36 months.

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 March pump-run time reports for all lift stations were reviewed. Recent increases in time correlate with the spring thaw.
AT&T upgraded the Missions Communication system in April.
 - 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. 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 told Rickert they were not able to get the components before winter; however, they plan to continue the project soon. Work has yet to begin.
- d. Clearwater inspections. John Rickert reported there are five manhole covers at the bottom of the ditch along Church Road. Riser rings should be added to increase the height of the covers.
Home inspections are planned to begin in about a month.
- e. Other maintenance and operational issues. Nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished Business:

1. Review Section 6.1 of the Sewer User Ordinance and confirm timing of user charge for new construction. Further research is needed. The matter was postponed to the next meeting. Joel Nett arrived. Discussion ensued.

Joel Nett believes the policy has not been fair due to the service being meant for sinks, showers, toilets, etc. He recommends amending the Ordinance to initiate the charge upon the issuance of an Occupancy Permit by the Building Inspector. Nett noted that he always has a porta-potty onsite.

Katherine Diederich feels the District may open themselves to abuse noting the Commission needs to ensure the integrity of the system and compliance with the Master Agreement.

New Business:

1. Discuss Clearwater Investment Worksheet for 2022. Commission acknowledged receiving the Worksheet. Completion of the Worksheet will be postponed to the May meeting and submittal will be by May 31st.

Schedule the next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th, 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 6:09 pm. Motion carried (3-0).

Attest. _____
Brenda A. Schneider, District Recording Secretary