

**DOVER EYOTA ST. CHARLES AREA SANITARY DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**May 18, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Ray Schuchard  
Dave Iseminger  
David Kramer  
Wayne Getz  
Wes Bussell  
Tony Nelson

**Staff:**

John Brogan  
Todd Tesch

**Absent:**

Eric Tyler

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Wayne Getz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Set Agenda:**

Motion made by Dave Iseminger to set agenda as presented. Seconded by Tony Nelson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Approve Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting:**

Motion made by Tony Nelson, seconded by Ray Schuchard to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 20, 2021. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of Receipts and Disbursement/Summary of Assets:**

Motion made by Wes Bussell to approve Receipts and Disbursements/Summary of Assets. Seconded by Dave Kramer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Plant Update:**

a) No violations for the month.

b) We pulled the WAS and RAS pumps in clarifier #2 for inspection and found the RAS pump low on oil. We received a quote from Electric Pump in the amount of \$8,792.00 to repair this KSB pump. They provided a quote on a new Flygt pump in the amount of \$13,090.00. There is \$12,000.00 in this year's budget to replace this pump. Electric Pump has this pump in stock. They would install it at the same time they perform the annual lift station inspection and there would be no cost for installing the new pump. Motion made by Wes Bussell to purchase the Flygt Pump in the amount of \$13,090.00. Seconded by Dave Iseminger. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

c) Todd trimmed under all the trees to allow more clearance for mowing.

d) On April 23<sup>rd</sup> someone hit a gas pump at the Kwik Trip in Eyota and operators were told the leak consisted of 15-30 gallons. The gas ran right into the sanitary sewer line through a hole that was the result of grinding off the block on top of a 6" cap on the lateral cleanout that runs to the sanitary sewer line. The sewer line is lower than the storm sewer line in this area. Kwik Trip had their clean-up crew there right away. When

the clean-up crew was finished they told John Brogan and Cory Schultz, MPCA, that they were confident that they got it all. Meanwhile, about 2:30 pm Todd switched the gates at the plant so the influent would flow into the clarifier that was not currently in use and came back to the plant later that night, after several hours, and switched the gates back to resume normal operation. By doing this it should have prevented any problems with plant operations. However, by Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> the water had become cloudy and operators assumed that it was due to filamentous bacteria and began treating with chlorine but the water did not clear up. Operators then used Lewiston's microscope and verified that there were no filamentous bacteria present in any samples that were looked at. After consulting with MPCA and others it was discovered that the benzene contained in gasoline is more than likely disrupting the plant operations. Operators are starting to use ferric acid to hopefully settle out the Total Suspended Solids to stay in compliance and Mark Hugeback, MPCA, has ok'd this. Dave Kramer asked if this lateral cleanout has stormwater running in it all the time and the answer is yes. In regards to fixing this leaking cap Mark Hugeback thinks that the Industrial Storm Water Division should be able to address this issue and he will check into it further. For now, two 50 lb. buckets of bugs have been ordered and the plan is to dose the lagoon with one 50 lb. bucket now and one 50 lb. bucket per week to get the lagoon to settle out. Otherwise, James has given operators a couple of gallons of ferric acid that they made need to spray on the lagoon to take care of the problem. Dave Kramer said that a phone call should be made and a letter sent to Kwik Trip corporate offices explaining that we have costs associated with their fuel leak into a malfunctioning draining system. Operators will keep track of purchases and their time spent trying to correct the issue. John will call Kwik Trip on Wednesday, 5/19/2021, and follow up with a letter.

**6. Todd Tesch's annual review:**

The Personnel Committee met prior to this meeting to discuss Todd Tesch's annual review. The Personnel Committee is recommending a \$.50 per hour merit increase effective with the next pay period. Motion made by Dave Iseminger to approve the \$.50 per hour merit increase for Todd Tesch. Seconded by Dave Kramer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Wes Bussell is looking for board approval to update the employment policy. He wants to add a couple more job descriptions as they relate to operators obtaining the various required licenses and add salary ranges. He should have it ready by September-October. Motion made by Ray Schuchard to approve Wes Bussell completing an updated employment policy. Seconded by Dave Kramer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**7. City of Utica update:**

Once again no one has heard anything from the City of Utica and Wayne Getz is suggesting that we should send a letter stating that they have 30 or 60 days to provide the District with their plans. The letter should inform them that the cities that the District serves all have building/construction plans in the works and for the District to approve these plans we need to know what your plans are and how it will affect the District's plant.

**8. Other business:**

There is no other business.

There being no further business a motion was made by Tony Nelson, seconded by Dave Kramer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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