

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

November 19, 2024

Members Present:

Wayne Getz
Eric Tyler
Tony Nelson
Ray Schuchard
Cheryle Ihrke
Tyrel Clark

Staff:

John Brogan
Todd Tesch

Absent:

David Kramer

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Set Agenda:

Motion made by Tyrel Clark to set agenda as presented. Seconded by Cheryle Ihrke. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes of the October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting:

Motion made by Tony Nelson, seconded by Ray Schuchard to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 15, 2024. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Eric Tyler to approve Receipts and Disbursements/Summary of Assets. Seconded by Cheryle Ihrke. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Plant Update:

a) The quote from Electric Pump for two Flygt Pumps for the oxidation ditches, in the amount of \$117,850.00, was discussed at the September 17, 2024 board meeting but not approved at that time. Motion made by Tony Nelson to approve the quote for two new Flygt pumps for the oxidation ditches in the amount of \$117,850.00. Seconded by Eric Tyler. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

b) No violations this month.

c) The voltage regulator failed on the lift station generator. Zeigler replaced the old analog regulator with a new digital regulator the week of 11/4/2024. There is some work that needs to be done on the door louvers that will be scheduled soon.

d) We were hoping Kronebusch would have been here last month but they were set back by the rain. They should be here by Wednesday to spread sludge.

e) John has been in touch with Empire Pipe regarding the installation of the liner by the city park. We decided to wait until the ground is frozen to complete the work.

f) Wayne Getz asked for an update on replacing burned out lights outside. Operators said they are waiting for Noble's bucket truck and will replace lights themselves.

- 6. Discuss/approve Sanitary Sewer Extension Permit for the Pries Addition in Eyota:**
Tyrel Clark stated that the Eyota City Council approved this sanitary sewer extension permit application at a council meeting a couple of weeks ago. Motion made by Tyrel Clark to approve the Sanitary Sewer Extension Permit application for the Pries Addition in Eyota. Seconded by Cheryle Ihrke. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 7. Approve 3% employee wage increase for 2025:**
Wayne Getz stated that the Personnel Committee discussed a 3% wage increase for employees. Motion made by Cheryle Ihrke to approve a 3% employee wage increase for 2025. Seconded by Eric Tyler. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 8. Employee health and dental insurance renewal for 2025:**
 - a) A spreadsheet was provided showing the annual 12.3% increase in the health insurance premium expense to the District if the current plan is renewed for 2025. Motion made by Tony Nelson to approve the renewal of the current Blue Cross health insurance Plan 653 for 2025. Seconded by Cheryle Ihrke. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
 - b) Motion made by Cheryle Ihrke to continue the District's contribution of \$2,200.00 to employee Health Savings Accounts for 2025. Seconded by Ray Schuchard.
 - c) A spreadsheet was provided showing the annual 2.5% increase in the dental insurance premium expense to the District if the current plan is renewed for 2025. Motion made by Cheryle Ihrke to approve the renewal of the current Blue Cross Preferred Dental insurance plan for 2025. Seconded by Tyrel Clark.
 - d) Motion made by Tony Nelson to continue the insurance stipend payment of \$2,450.00 for the employee not enrolled in the health insurance plan. Seconded by Eric Tyler. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 9. 2025 Budget updates:**
 - a) page 3, employee health and dental expenses updated to 2025 rates for the current Blue Cross plans.
 - b) page 4, added \$200,000.00 for estimated engineering expense related to nitrogen removal project.
 - c) on page 4, moved the probes to 2025 and increased the amount to \$23,000.00.
 - d) on page 4, the interceptor meters should be deleted for now. The meters will be included in work done under the facility plan.
- 10. Other Business:**
 - a) Tom Dye submitted the Facility Plan to the MPCA by the deadline of November 1, 2024.

There being no further business a motion was made by Eric Tyler, seconded by Tony Nelson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Kennedy

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