

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

March 18, 2025

Members Present:

Wayne Getz
Ray Schuchard
David Kramer
Tony Nelson
Cheryle Ihrke

Staff:

John Brogan
Todd Tesch

Guests:

Lee Jay Small
Jacob Steinbauer

Absent:

Eric Tyler
Tyrel Clark

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Set Agenda:

Need to add as item 8a, approval of Sanitary Sewer Extension Permit Application for the Eyota East subdivision. Also need to add as item 7.1, State bonding funds for plant upgrade. David Kramer made a motion to set the agenda with the two additional items. Seconded by Cheryle Ihrke. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Lee Jay Small land rent for 2025-2026:

Lee Jay Small has one year remaining on his land lease. However, he is downsizing and wants to pass the land on to his nephew Jacob Steinbauer. Lee Jay would like to terminate his lease early. John Brogan stated that Jacob would do a good job. In discussing the land rent, which is currently \$200.00 per acre, the Board agreed that \$200.00 per acre is still a fair price. Jacob Steinbauer agreed that he would pay \$200.00 per acre with a 3-year agreement.

Motion made by Tony Nelson to terminate Lee Jay Small's land lease one year early. Original end date is February 28, 2026. Seconded by Ray Schuchard. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tony Nelson to enter into a 3-year land lease agreement from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2028, at \$200.00 per acre for 37 acres, with Jacob Steinbauer and Marty Meyers. Seconded by David Kramer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approve Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting:

Motion made by David Kramer, seconded by Cheryle Ihrke to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2025. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Receipts & Disbursements and Summary of Assets:

Motion made by Cheryle Ihrke to approve receipts and disbursements and Summary of Assets. Seconded by Tony Nelson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Plant Update:

- a) No violations this month.
- b) At the MRWA Conference John spoke with an individual from Arizona that has a system of checking the internal lining of the force main. The approximate cost is \$30,000. John suggested that at some point it may need to be inspected, it is 50 years old.
- c) The toxicity testing is scheduled for the last week in April.
- d) When everything thaws out, we will need to start decanting the lagoon to pull samples. These samples will be tested for PFAS which is a new law from the EPA/MPCA. The cost is about \$550.00 and it takes about two weeks to get the results.
- e) We will be able to have the truck crane inspected at Electric Pump. This is an annual inspection that needs to be done to stay in OSHA compliance.
- f) John has been working with the City Administrator on a possible grant to purchase an AED for the plant.

7. League of Minnesota Cities, Liability Coverage Waiver Form:

Motion made by Tony Nelson to choose the option “the member does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. section 466.04” on the Liability Coverage Waiver form that is part of the annual property and liability insurance renewal. Seconded by David Kramer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7.1 State Bonding Funds for plant upgrade:

David Kramer brought it to the attention of the Board that the State issues State Obligation Bonds for many purposes including wastewater treatment plant upgrades. He also presented a list of wastewater treatment plants that were awarded funds in 2023 totaling millions of dollars. David Kramer suggested that he would be willing to talk with Steve Jacob and Steve Drazkowski, the local State Representative and State Senator, to obtain more information on the application process. The Board agreed that David should contact the local State Representative and Senator. Tony Nelson mentioned that Tom Dye should have this information and John Brogan will check to see what he says.

8. Other Business:

- a) Approve the Sanitary Sewer Extension Permit Application for the Eyota East subdivision in Eyota:
This project consists of 50 new homes, with about half being built now in the first phase and the second phase at a later time. The location is near the high school. Motion made Tony Nelson to approve the Sanitary Sewer Extension Permit Application for the Eyota East subdivision. Seconded by David Kramer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business a motion was made by Tony Nelson, seconded by Cheryle Ihrke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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