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

May 19, 2026

Members Present:
Wayne Getz
Tyrel Clark
David Kramer
Eric Tyler
Ray Schuchard
Jodi Nicklay
Tony Nelson

Staff:
John Brogan
Todd Tesch

Guest:
Tom Dye, MSA Professionals

1. **Call to Order:**
Chairperson Wayne Getz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Set Agenda:**
Motion made by Eric Tyler to set agenda as presented. Seconded by Tony Nelson. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. **Approve Minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting:**
Motion made by Ray Schuchard, seconded by Jodi Nicklay to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 21, 2026. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Receipts & Disbursements and Summary of Assets:**
Motion made by David Kramer to approve receipts and disbursements and summary of assets. Seconded by Eric Tyler. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Tom Dye, MSA Professional Services, review facility plan update:**
Tom Dye has prepared a Facility Plan Amendment and also a summary memo of the Amendment. The Amendment adds an Alternative #4 which combines Alternative #1 the Nuvoda media system and Alternative #3 covering the oxidation ditches. The cost of Alternative #4 is approximately one million dollars less than the total cost of Alternative #1 and Alternative #3 due to the fact that there is automation and instrumentation for process control that is common to all the Alternatives. The recommendation is to implement Alternative #4. The proposed ditch covers are a floating cover and made with high-density polyethylene. When they are used in a lagoon they are actually floating but in this case they would be attached to the ditch walls. These would keep the water temperature warmer in colder months to prevent icing and decrease the run time of the aerators. The life of the covers is estimated at 30 years. The previous facility plan stated that a new screen building would be built near the lagoon. However, we have found that this building can be built on the existing concrete pad where the blower building now sits reducing costs. Tom Dye stated that this plant needs the automation regardless of the option chosen. Mr. Dye said that the District is #50 on the PPL list which is not real low and there is the probability that we

won't be eligible for grant money. His summary memo shows the impact on the average residential monthly sewer rate with no grant funds, 40% grant and an 80% grant. Without any grant funds the average monthly sewer rate increases $17.22. The application for the Intended Use Plan (IUP) is due June 5, 2026.
David Kramer asked if this could be done in two phases. In the first phase cover the ditches and see if the nitrogen limit is achieved. If not, then in the second phase add the media. Tom Dye stated that the MPCA's deadline for achieving the nitrogen limit is October 2028. There isn't enough time to test just the covers for a full winter and if that doesn't work test the covers and media for another full winter. David Kramer asked why won't the ditch covers work as a stand-alone option? Tom Dye said that Corey Hower, MPCA engineer, doesn't think the covers alone would work and Tom Dye said that from what we have found the covers probably would not work alone. Tyrel Clark asked why we can't get in on a bonding bill. Mr. Dye stated that other plants lobby for it, it is between you and your local legislative representatives. Tom Dye stated that MSA will have a design proposal to present at the June 16, 2026 board meeting.
Tom Dye verified that the public hearing for the facility plan amendment is scheduled for 6:00 pm, May 28, 2026 at City Hall in St. Charles.

6. **Plant Update:**
a) No violations this month.
b) We passed the toxicity testing.
c) Electric Pump did the annual maintenance check at the lift station on 4/23/2026. Everything checked out good.
d) On 4/30/2026 Ziegler performed a thermos imaging test on the switch gear for both backup generators. Everything is ok.
e) Jodi Nicklay toured the plant on 5/4/2026.

7. **Other Business:**
There is no other business.

There being no further business a motion was made by Tony Nelson, seconded by Jodi Nicklay, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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