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

August 18, 2026

Members Present:
Wayne Getz
David Kramer
Ray Schuchard
Tony Nelson
Jodi Nicklay

Staff:
John Brogan
Todd Tesch

Guest:
Tom Dye, MSA Professionals

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:**
   Motion made by Tony Nelson to set agenda as presented. Seconded by Ray Schuchard. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

4. **Approval of Receipts & Disbursements and Summary of Assets:**
   Motion made by Tony Nelson to approve receipts and disbursements and summary of assets. Seconded by Ray Schuchard. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. **MSA Professionals to discuss PSIG funding and project update:**
   Tom Dye stated that the MPCA has approved the facility plan. Regarding the PSIG application the District won't receive funding for a few years, there are too many projects ahead of the District and the Legislature doesn't always get the same amount of funding every year. Achieving a new nitrogen limit by November 2028 isn't possible at this point so the MPCA is willing to have a compliance agreement with the District stating that the District will only receive a Notice of Violation (NOV) and not monetary fines for not achieving the nitrogen limit by November 2028.
   Regarding the Nuvoda trial Tom Dye says that we have lost a lot of the media and Nuvoda thinks it went out with the effluent. Mr. Dye thinks that the rotors are breaking up the media and it is going into the waste. Regardless, losing 50% of the media per year is not sustainable. He is questioning whether or not the media is the way forward. He is suggesting that we cover one ditch for this winter and stop using the media.
   Mr. Dye has presented a spreadsheet with the cost of one ditch cover and the other items necessary to install and use the cover this winter. The total estimated cost is $438,097.00 and none of the PSIG eligible amount will be eligible since it is being spent before grant approval. Commercial mixing pumps also need to be added to the cost. If

the nitrogen limit can be achieved by covering the ditch this winter, in the spring of 2027 an updated facility plan will have to be completed. Motion made by Tony Nelson to approve Plan B covering one ditch for the next winter and purchasing one ditch cover and the additional equipment needed for an estimated cost of $438,097 plus the purchase of commercial mixing pumps. Seconded by Ray Schuchard. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Plant Update:**
   a) No violations this month.
   b) Automatic Systems replaced the Allen Bradley panel view on 7/24/2026. It was damaged by lighting.
   c) B and C Plumbing & Heating replaced the motor drive on headworks air makeup unit on 8/6/2026. This was also damaged during a storm.
   d) MSA had the plant scanned for pictures to use in future projects.
   e) The gas detector quit working and needed to be replaced.
   f) The probe on the DO meter failed so the probe and cable were replaced.

7. **Discuss Capital Improvement Plan/determine items to include in the 2027 budget:**
   For 2027 need to delete a new plow for the pickup and a new pickup. John is working on numbers for some items to add in the 2029-2030 time frame. He will have them for the September board meeting.

8. **Certificates of Deposit-discuss plan to cash in 2 or 3 Certificates of Deposit with upcoming maturity dates to provide cushion in money market account:**
   Motion made by Tony Nelson to cash in the Certificates of Deposit with maturity dates of 9/4/2026 and 9/11/2026. Seconded by David Kramer. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. **Discuss the sewer rate percentage increases to use in cash flow spreadsheets for September board meeting:**
   In light of the previous approval to install a ditch cover for the winter and the possibility of significantly reducing the cost of the nitrogen removal project the board agrees that we should back off on the previously proposed 20-45% sewer rate increases. They agree that the rate should be increased only to cover the expense of adding a ditch cover for the winter and the associated equipment. Motion made by David Kramer to increase the sewer rate by 5% for 2027. Seconded by Jodi Nicklay. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. **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 7:46 pm. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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