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GRAND HAVEN-SPRING LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY

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The regular meeting of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority will be held at 8:15 A.M. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at 519 Washington St. Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday May 20, 2026

8:15 A.M.

1. Meeting called to order 8:19

2. Roll Call:

Chair Ashley Latsch
Treasurer Craig Bessinger
Bill Cargo
Pat Staskiewicz
Gordon Gallagher
Steve Namenye

City of Grand Haven
City of Ferrysburg
Grand Haven Township
Ottawa County Road Commission
Spring Lake Township
Member-at-Large

Also Present:

Ryan Vredeveld
Cory VanOeveren
Matt Wade
Karen Sherwood

WWTP Superintendent
WWTP Supervisor
Grand Haven Township
Grand Haven Township

Absent:

Joel TePastte
Vice-Chair Brady Selner

Village of Spring Lake
Village of Spring Lake

3. Approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2026 Sewer Authority Board meeting

Motion by Cargo to approve minutes, support by Staskiewicz and all in favor motion carries

4. Public Comment

No public comment

5. Financial Report

Superintendent Vredevelde presented financial report – expenditures are tracking in accordance with budget

6. Superintendent's Report

Flows have been significantly higher over the past couple months –likely due to I & I Storage became a bit of a concern this spring due to the inability to land apply because of the wet farm fields

We were able to utilize our empty gravity thickener as extra storage

Able to land apply roughly 2 million gallons and empty our storage

No issues with NPDES compliance

Acute toxicity, PFAS, and all other parameters tested

NPDES application – still have not received a response from EGLE

IPP audit response (2nd response) has been submitted

Discussion about submitting a complaint letter to state supervisors

Board feels it is worthwhile to submit a complaint both individually and as a group because this is a systemic issue not specific to just us.

Local limit evaluation has been submitted – No response yet

25-26 capital projects

Contract 1 – Generator and fiber loop

- *Low bid came in significantly lower than expected amounts. In addition we selected a Rehlko Generator which came highly recommended and also saved an additional \$37,000*

Contract 2 – Will be discussed in General Business C.

7. General Business.

A. Debt Rates for FY 2026-2027

Memo from Ottawa County Road Commission providing their recommendations for debt rates for our 2013 and 2018 bonds

Motion by Cargo to approve the recommendations as presented, support by Gallagher and all in favor motion carries

B. Regional Biosolids Pilot Study

Discussion of status and next phase of the project

Comparison of the regional facilities' biosolids against surprise Arizona biosolids – depending on the comparison we may be able to save significant money on the drying portion of the study and be able to use Surprise, Arizona biosolids for the testing.

C. Capital Project Rebid – Contract 2

Authority Board to consider awarding contract

Aeration control valves – Automated dissolved oxygen control to help improve our treatment process

Only received two bids – Both came in significantly higher than expected due to the scope of working changing

There are certain aspects of the bid that can be handled by plant staff which would result in a reduction of the overall costs

- *With the reduction, overall project costs would be in line with estimated project cost.*

Cargo – Want to have a discussion about considering the timing of the project. If we wait on this project would we get better pricing down the road.

- *Although the efficiency / cost savings is hard to quantify, there are treatment quality aspects that should be considered.*

Would the contractor allow the Sewer Authority to be the general contractor on this project?

Motion to approve awarding contract to Northwest Kent with the changes proposed (removing certain valve specs, removing demolition from scope of work from the contract, as well as attempt to be the general contractor) with a maximum award amount of \$375,000. Support by Namenye and all in favor motion carries.

8. Board Member Comments.

No board member comments

9. Announcement of the next Sewer Authority Meeting: August 19, 2026

10. Adjournment. 9:12 a.m.

Sewer Authority Members:

Brady Selner, Vice-Chairperson
City of Grand Haven - Vacant
Ashley Latsch, Chairperson
Craig Bessinger, Treasurer
Steve Namenye
Gordon Gallagher
Patrick Staskiewicz
Bill Cargo
Joel TePastte

Alternate Members:

Wally Delamater

Matt Schindlbeck

Joe Wallace
Matt Wade

Consultants:

Matt VanHoef

Others:

Grand Haven Tribune
Bob Monetza
Maria Boersma

GENERAL MEMBERS: IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR ALTERNATE SO THAT HE/SHE MAY