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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, August 21, 2024 in the Council Chambers in Grand Haven City Hall located at 519 Washington St. Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday August 21, 2024

8:15 A.M.

1. Meeting called to order 8:15 a.m.

2. Roll Call:

Gordon Gallagher	Spring Lake Township
Vice-Chair Ashley Latsch	City of Grand Haven
Treasurer Craig Bessinger	City of Ferrysburg
Patrick Staskiewicz	Ottawa County Road Commission
Bill Cargo	Grand Haven Township
Brady Selner	Village of Spring Lake
Steve Namenye	Member at Large
Joel TePastte	Village of Spring Lake

Also Present:

Ryan Vredeveld	WWTP Superintendent
Cory VanOeveren	WWTP Environmental Compliance Supervisor
Matt Wade	Grand Haven Township Alternate
Joe Wallace	Ottawa County Road Commission Alternate

3. Approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2024 Sewer Authority Board meeting

Motion by TePastte to approve the minutes, support by Namenye and all in favor motion carries

4. Public Comment

No public comment

5. Financial Report

Superintendent discussed last fiscal year's expense and revenue report as well as our current balances of our cash accounts

Motion by Staskiewicz to accept the financial report, support by TePastte all in favor motion carries

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Vredevelde discussed the permit limits for ammonia the facility faced during month of July and August. Last year the plant had difficulty with ammonia reduction because it could not get nitrification to take place, but this year it was a success and the facility was able to comply with the limit restrictions. Vredevelde also reviewed the current costs for land application as improved because the solids concentration for the biosolids has been 4.5%+, as well as having lower fuel surcharge as diesel prices have been near the base price per contract. Tuck pointing projects for the control building and the "frank" building are finishing up.

The primary building and activating sludge building also had their roofs replaced New projects includes the rebuild of the gears for NW primary clarifier, as well as a rebuild of the No.3 Hoffman blower which is the plants main backup.

Superintendent Vredevelde also wanted to acknowledge the service the plant has received from Gerald Weinert, as he will be planning to retire in October and shared the impact that Gerald has on the facility and his fellow coworkers.

7. General Business.

A. Member-at-Large Appointment

Steve Namenye's two year term as member-at-large is due to expire at the conclusion of the Sewer Authority August 21, 2024 regularly scheduled Board meeting. Steve has expressed his desire to serve another term.

Motion to approve Namenye to another to year term by Cargo, supported by TePastte all in favor the motion carries.

B. Sewer Authority Property Update

The City has been notified of our intent to obtain an easement for the northern half of the vacated Columbus Ave.

City of Grand Haven staff is working on next steps.

C. Regional Drying Facility Update

The regional drying facility that Brown & Caldwell is performing for the County has reached rough draft. They will allow for questions and comments before making the final draft. Sewer Authority plant staff, contracted with Prein & Newhof to have a study performed on the WWTP and how a single user biosolids drying unit would be feasible onsite and how those costs compared the regional facility. Board Member Cargo commented that he would like to see the total costs estimated per dry ton for future land application and show how that compares to the proposed methods.

D. Debt Rates

Superintendent recapped that the current grant money being used on the 2018 headwork's debt payments is getting close to being all used up, and instead of making partial payment on fiscal year 25-26 debt payments, he asked the Board to allow him and Pat S. from Ottawa County, to work on a proposal that shows the estimated amount remaining and what construction projects that could be used for at the facility for equipment and/or process improvements. The Board agreed that that would be acceptable.

8. Board Member Comments

No Board comments.

9. Announcement of next Sewer Authority Meeting: November 20, 2024

10. Adjournment. 8:44 a.m.

Sewer Authority Members:

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

Alternate Members:

Wally Delamater

Derek Gajdos
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