

Minutes

Ledgeview Sanitary District #2
3700 Dickinson Rd., De Pere, WI 54115

May 5, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by President Ken Geurts.
2. **Members Present:** President Ken Geurts and Commissioners Luann Pansier and Dennis Watermolen.
Staff Present: Renae Peters (Clerk/ Treasurer), Scott Brosteau (Engineer), Greg Potts (Public Works Director) and Andy Tenor (Water Operator).
3. **Agenda: Watermolen made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Pansier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Minutes: Pansier made a motion to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes as written. Watermolen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Public Comment:** Chad Yenchesky, 1750 Hawthorne Heights Dr., spoke to the Commission regarding his history of trying to connect to municipal services and his trouble with finding contractors to do the work. To connect, an excavator would have to trench or bore through rock and it is expensive and time-consuming. Mr. Yenchesky acknowledged that the Commission had given him a 2-year extension but that during this time when Elexco (trenching excavator) was in the area, they were charging too much for the service. He said he has recently been in contact with a different excavator (DDS), as well as his chosen excavator and plumber and they hope to have the work done in June. Mr. Yenchesky asked the Commission to suspend the quarterly non-connection fine. Geurts replied that the Commission had given an extension and that it was Mr. Yenchesky's choice not to connect when Elexco was in the area. The Commission doesn't wish to start a precedent of ending penalties without extreme extenuating circumstances and they have done all that they can. Geurts thanked Mr. Yenchesky for his efforts toward connection. Mike Calewarts, 5615 Park Rd., owner of parcels D-146, 139, 138 and 142-1, asked the Commission about supplying a siphon to his property between Mayline Rd. and Hidden Valley Ln. Mr. Calewarts' understanding was that an easement had been obtained to the Hidden Valley sewer line at the time of construction years ago, however, it was not. His family is planning for the future and he is concerned about what he can tell potential buyers regarding the availability of services. Brosteau replied that the Commission asked him to send a letter requesting an easement from the Bob Kaster family for a future sewer connection and siphon at the end of Hidden Valley Ln. Brosteau is waiting for an answer to the letter.
6. **Public Hearing: None**

7. **Water & Sewer Connection at 3900 Bower Creek Rd.: Pansier made a motion to open the meeting for public comment at 4:44pm. Watermolen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.** Ken Geurts, 3900 Bower Creek Rd., submitted a letter at the Commission's request explaining his wife's ailment, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity. He told them that the chlorine in municipal water would make her sick. Mr. Geurts said he has contracted with Matt's Services to bring the water and sewer lines from the road to the home and would connect to sewer but doesn't want to connect to water. The Commission asked if they use any type of reverse osmosis system. Mr. Geurts stated that he has a water softener and filter currently in use but that no filtering system will remove 100% of chlorine. He stated that his wife can neither drink nor touch chlorinated water and that other people with this sensitivity have been forced to move to have relief from symptoms. Mrs. Geurts is also affected by pesticides and fertilizers. Since the Geurts' aren't required to connect until October, the Commission wants to do more research on what can be done regarding connection. The Commission is open to the Geurts' connecting to sewer for a flat fee but will make a final decision at a future meeting. **Watermolen made a motion to close the meeting to public comment at 4:50pm. Pansier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.** No further action was taken.
8. **2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR):** Peters gave a brief overview of the 2021 CCR report for testing done in 2020 noting the new test results and the updated introduction paragraph. The report will be sent out in early June. **Geurts made a motion to approve the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report. Watermolen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
9. **Resolution 2021-001 Approving the 9th amendment to the CBCWA Water Sale & Purchase Agreement:** The Commission reviewed resolution 2021-001 regarding the 9th amendment to the CBCWA Water Sale & Purchase agreement. Pansier said she attended an informational meeting about the amendment and explained that it makes sense for new customers and is beneficial to all members. **Pansier made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-001 for the 9th Amendment to the CBCWA Water Sale & Purchase Agreement. Geurts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
10. **Mead & Hunt, Inc.:** Brosteau gave the Commission a heads up that Seville Properties would like to develop parcel B-313-1 just north of Red Hawk Landing subdivision. The property would be served by the District's water and sewer lines. If the lines are extended for the development, the District could also service D-2355 (Outlot 35 Red Hawk Landing), D-193-2 Torrez (already connected to water) and D-190-1 McKee where service was previously unavailable. There will be more details at a future meeting.
Brosteau told the Commission that Brown County Port & Resource Recovery may have an updated East Landfill Leachate Agreement for the Commission to review at a future meeting. BCP & RR is asking for more capacity than the District has planned for with NEW Water. Due to this, Brosteau reached out to NEW Water. They asked to talk with the District about purchasing more capacity and infrastructure updates.

If BCP & RR wants more capacity, the District would work out a process to bill them for it. Brosteau said there will be more details to come.

11. **Staff Reports:**

a. Public Works Director/ Water Operator: Potts answered a question from the Commission regarding the old tower parcel on Silverstone Trl. Holiday Gas Station is interested in the property but only if the District is willing to give it to them. The Town is requiring sidewalk on Silverstone Trl. because of the construction which makes the District responsible for installing sidewalk at an estimated cost of \$4,800. Holiday Gas Station would not be willing to purchase the property after sidewalk is installed. The Commission asked Peters to check if the proper paperwork had been started concerning the sale of District property and depreciable value. The Commission was tentatively in favor of gifting the property as long as there was no cost to the District and all paperwork was in order.

Potts also stated that he was having difficulty getting signatures on a few of the private system agreements and asked the Commission if they would entertain an ordinance requiring a certified operator to inspect systems. The Commission replied that they would be in favor of reviewing an ordinance addition at a future meeting.

Tenor informed the Commission that leak detection is finished and repairs have been made. He thinks that finding and repairing the leaks has made a big difference in usage and locating all curb stops will make the process easier in the future. Tenor also asked that any calls regarding PFAS pollution should be directed to him or Nic Sparacio of CBCWA.

b. Clerk/ Treasurer: Peters submitted a written report and had nothing more to add.

12. **Vouchers: Pansier made a motion to approve payments made since April 7, 2021. Watermolen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

13. **Adjourn: Geurts made a motion to adjourn at 5:12pm. Watermolen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes prepared and signed on May 6, 2021 by:

Rena Peters
Clerk/ Treasurer