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## MONTHLY MEETING December 17, 2024

**1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - Chairman Webb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rochester Village Hall. Commissioners present were Doug Webb, Joseph Kolosso, Shelley Hildebrandt, and John Lutz. Commissioner Travis was not present. One District resident was also in attendance.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – November 19, 2024 - Chairman Webb asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting, which had been previously presented to the commissioners. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Kolosso, seconded by Commissioner Lutz and carried.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT** - November 2024 - The treasurer's November 2024 report was read, and Chairman Webb asked if there were any corrections. No corrections were noted and a motion to approve the treasurers report as read was made Commissioner Ahlers, seconded by Commissioner Lutz and carried.

### 4.0 REPORTS

**4.1 Dam Structures/Dikes** – Chairman Webb determined which two dam gates will be replaced this year. The District received one bid for this work: from Custom Grading for \$6,720, an approximate 20% increase from 2022. A motion to approve the Custom Grading bid of \$6,720 for the replacement of two dam gates was made by Commissioner Lutz, seconded by Commissioner Ahlers and carried. The boards on the two bridges are also being evaluated, and if necessary, bids will be let in January.

**4.2 Roads and ROWs** – Commissioner Kolosso indicated that the road funds currently being held on behalf of the District by the Village of Rochester were \$21,797.71 and \$36,997.06 by the Town of Spring Prairie. Currently, District taxes are collected by the counties and passed along to the Village and Town. The funds are then distributed to the District in January, February and August, except for the funds for roads and streetlights. The streetlight bills are paid directly to WeEnergies on behalf of the District, and the road funds are held by the Village and Town until requested by the District to pay for projects. The manner in which the road funds are retained by the Town and Village is being re-evaluated by the District. Commissioner Kolosso is meeting with Town and County representatives to evaluate the legal framework and determine future procedures.

**4.3 Beaches/Parks/Trees** – New mulch will be needed in the park in spring. Chairman Webb is investigating whether power could be extended to the park, mainly to provide services for work at the District shed.

**4.4 Lakes** – The report of the Point Intercept Study conducted by SEWRPC was received. Commissioner Hildebrandt presented a summary of the report. In general, the study determined that Honey Lake has a mean depth of two feet, with a maximum depth of six feet and it's measured water clarity (Secchi depth) was indicative of poor water clarity and quality. A total of 181 locations were evaluated and plants were found at 8% of the locations, with a total of three plant species (native) found in the lake at the time the study was conducted in August. Nearby Lake Ivanhoe, which is similar in size and depth, typically has approximately thirteen species. However, the water temperatures and dissolved oxygen concentrations were found to be supportive of most southeastern Wisconsin fish species. SEWRPC recommended that an Aquatic Plant Management Plan be developed for the lake. A motion to approve the submittal of a request for an Aquatic Plant Management Plan scope of work to SEWRPC was made by Commissioner Ahlers, seconded by Commissioner Kolosso and carried.

**4.5 Town/Village/County News** – Commissioner Lutz reported that the Town of Spring Prairie held a special meeting for electors on December 9<sup>th</sup> during which the Town electors approved the 2025 proposed budget and tax levy, with no increase in the levy. He also reported that the entrance to Mt. Hope cemetery will be plowed this year, and that Paul Miller will be reappointed to the planning commission. At this time, Chairman Fremoth and Clerk/Treasurer Fuchs will not be running for re-election/election next year. Therefore, the Town is seeking people to serve on the Town Board.

### 5.0 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS

**5.1 – Update on East Berm Restoration Project**– A bid by Custom Grading of \$20,520 for the restoration of the berm was previously submitted and approved. This project was recently completed, except for some final cleanup, which will be completed in spring. Commissioner Hildebrandt expressed concerns that the final elevation of the rip rap was not high enough to retain high water levels during storms and years of higher precipitation. Commissioner Hildebrandt and Chairman Webb will meet with the contractor to discuss this issue.

**5.2 – Update on District-wide tree trimming project** – Chairman Webb indicated that Arbor Images had substantially completed the tree trimming along roadways in Racine County and would soon begin the trimming on the Walworth County portion of the District.

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**5.3 – Update on dredging proposals** – Commissioner Hildebrandt contacted Kapur with questions regarding their proposal of \$15,475 for the performance of a preliminary dredge study; however, to date they had not yet returned her call.

**6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**7.0 MONTHLY BILLS**

**DECEMBER BILLS SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS**

Doug Webb	Commissioner compensation	\$250.00
Shelley Hildebrandt	Commissioner compensation	\$250.00
Joseph Kolosso	Commissioner compensation	\$250.00
John Lutz	Commissioner compensation	\$50.00
Nick Ahlers	Commissioner compensation	\$50.00
Cutting Edge Lawn Maintenance & Landscaping	Mowing 9/5, Inv. #7746 Beaches/Parks/Trees	\$190.00
Custom Grading, Inc.	East Berm Rip Rap Project 2024-2025 Dyke Preservation/Restoration	\$20,520.00
Glatfelter Insurance Group	Annual Liability Insurance	\$5,040.00
Bitco Insurance Companies	Annual Workers Compensation Insurance	\$589.00
Joseph Kolosso-Reimbursement	Printer Ink – Office Supplies	\$54.00
Shelley Hildebrandt-Reimbursement	Adobe Software - Office Supplies	\$12.99
Doug Webb-Reimbursement	Fuel-Maintenance Equipment	\$15.16
	Garbage Bags – Beaches/Parks/Trees	\$14.99

A motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Commissioner Ahlers, seconded by Commissioner Lutz, and carried unanimously.

The following employee time sheets were submitted for approval: Nov. 12 to Nov. 19, 3.5 hours. A motion to approve the employee time sheets was made by Commissioner Ahlers, seconded by Commissioner Lutz, and carried unanimously.

**8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** - There were no public comments.

**9.0 ADJOURN** (*Next monthly meeting January 21, 2025*)

A motion to adjourn, subject to recall, was made by Commissioner Kolosso, seconded by Commissioner Lutz, and carried at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hildebrandt  
Secretary