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## MONTHLY MEETING

**November 19, 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, John Lutz, and Sharon Travis. Commissioner Nick Ahlers was not present. Two District residents were also in attendance.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – October 15, 2024 - Chairman Webb asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting, which had been previously presented to the commissioners. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Travis, seconded by Commissioner Kolosso and carried.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT** - October 2024 - The treasurer's October 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 Travis, seconded by Commissioner Lutz and carried.

### 4.0 REPORTS

**4.1 Dam Structures/Dikes** – Chairman Webb will perform the annual dam structure inspection after Thanksgiving and determine which two dam gates will be replaced this year. He will also evaluate the bridge boards for replacement.

**4.2 Roads and ROWs** – The District was given a quote of \$7,000 to create shoulders along the newly repaved section of County Line Rd. It was decided not to proceed at this time; however, gravel may be placed along the shoulders in spring. Chairman Webb confirmed that the road funds held by the Village of Rochester for the District was currently \$50,100.19. The manner in which the road funds are collected and held by the Town of Spring Prairie for the District is still being evaluated by a private consultant, Mr. James Stowell. Commissioner Kolosso will contact the Town for further information.

**4.3 Beaches/Parks/Trees** –Cutting Edge Lawn and Landscaping performed the fall cleanup. It was determined that the removal of a partially fallen branch along Beach Blvd. was the responsibility of the homeowner.

**4.4 Lakes** – The dam boards were removed to drop water levels in the lakes for winter. Commissioner Hildebrandt reported that she had collected the last water sample for 2024. She also indicated that the DNR's website was malfunctioning and lake data reports were not currently available.

**4.5 Town/Village/County News** –Commissioner Lutz reported that the Town of Spring Prairie held a special meeting for electors on October 30<sup>th</sup> to vote on a resolution to exceed the state allowed tax levy by 14.5%; however, the resolution was voted down. The Town will revise the proposed tax levy and must bring it to a vote of the electors again within a few weeks in order to prepare the 2024 tax bills. Employees of the Town will be included in the State retirement system. In addition, the referendum to change the Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position passed, and the Town will be hiring an Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.

### 5.0 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS

**5.1 – Review and possible action on Berm Restoration Bids** – One bid was received for the continued restoration of the East Berm. Custom Grading submitted a bid of \$20,520, with material costs of \$14,890 and labor costs of \$5,630. The cost of the last section, restored in spring of 2024, was \$16,500. A motion to approve the Custom Grading bid of \$20,520 was made by Commissioner Lutz, seconded by Commissioner Travis and carried.

**5.2 – Update and possible action on District-wide tree trimming project** – Additional dead trees were discovered when this project was started. Arbor Images submitted a quote of \$300 to remove a dead pine along East Lakeshore Drive, \$510 to remove a dead Cherry near East Lakeshore and Waveland Avenue, and \$60 to remove two dead Ash trees near Tahoe Drive. A motion to approve the quotes by Arbor Images was made by Commissioner Travis, seconded by Commissioner Lutz and carried.

**5.3 – Update on moving banking from Chase to BMO Harris** – Commissioner Kolosso reported that all the Districts accounts at Chase Bank, as well as the safe deposit box, have been closed. Two checking accounts and three money market accounts, and a safe deposit box, have been established for the District at BMO Bank. Commissioner Kolosso explained the various account types and how the monies had been transferred to the various accounts.

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**5.4 – Update on dredging proposals** – Commissioner Hildebrandt reported that Kapur had submitted a proposal of \$15,475 for the performance of a preliminary dredge study; however, the estimate did not include enough details to be able to compare it to previously submitted proposals. Previously, Ayres & Associates had submitted an estimate of \$27,500 and Hey & Associates had submitted an estimate of \$10,000. Chairman Webb requested that Commissioner Hildebrandt contact Kapur for additional details. The District may request that representatives of some or all of the companies attend a meeting to get further information on the proposed activities.

### 6.0 NEW BUSINESS

#### 7.0 MONTHLY BILLS

#### NOVEMBER 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
UW-Stevens Point Water & Environmental Analysis Lab	Water Testing of Honey Lake Beaches/Parks/Trees	\$99.00
Cutting Edge Lawn Maintenance & Landscaping	Topsoil & Seeding the park Beaches/Parks/Trees	\$3,650.0
Cutting Edge Lawn Maintenance & Landscaping	Fall Clean-Up Beaches/Parks/Trees	\$665.00
Custom Grading, Inc.	Raise Dam Boards 11/4/24 Dam/Dykes/Drawdown	\$200.00
Honey Lake Improvement Association	Half annual cost of port-a-potty Beaches/Parks/Trees	\$350.55
Joseph Kolosso-Reimbursement	Printer Ink – Office Supplies Printer Paper – Office Supplies	\$85.00 \$7.42
Shelley Hildebrandt-Reimbursement	Adobe Software - Office Supplies/Mailings Lake Samples - postage Correction for overpayment in October	\$12.99 \$43.45 (\$25.47)

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

The following employee time sheets were submitted for approval: Sept. 30 - Oct. 11, 12 hours; Oct. 21 – Nov. 2, 9.5 hours. A motion to approve the employee time sheets was made by Commissioner Travis, seconded by Commissioner Lutz, and carried unanimously.

**8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** - Resident Connie Lutz suggested that the District consider putting some money into CDs in order to benefit from higher interest rates; however, municipalities cannot use CDs. She also indicated that Mr. Stowell was formerly the chairman for the Town so he should be aware of the road fund process. Commissioner Kolosso indicated that BMO Bank is giving the District higher interest rates on its accounts than Chase Bank. Resident Kevin Schneider indicated that the previously restored section of the East Berm was becoming an eyesore as the fabric barrier was showing, and the area was being overtaken by weeds. He also indicated that people were throwing the rip rap in the lake.

#### 9.0 ADJOURN (Next monthly meeting December 17, 2024)

A motion to adjourn, subject to recall, was made by Commissioner Travis, seconded by Commissioner Lutz, and carried at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hildebrandt  
Secretary