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MONTHLY MEETING

March 18, 2025

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, Sharon Travis, and Nick Ahlers. A District resident and a representative from Kapur & Associates were also in attendance.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - Chairman Webb asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the March 18, 2025 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 Ahlers and carried.

3.0 APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT - March 2025 - The treasurer's March 2025 report was read, with Commissioner Kolosso noting that the two new road fund accounts had been established for the taxes collected by the Village of Rochester and the Town of Spring Prairie on behalf of the District. 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 indicated that the Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP) and Operations, Inspection and Maintenance Plan (OIM) need to be updated. Commissioner Hildebrandt will research this issue and new contacts. The abandoned cable wires have been removed from the power poles on the east dike. Chairman Webb will request WeEnergies to remove the power poles.

4.2 Roads and ROWs – A semi-truck has been observed parked along County Line Road. Chairman Webb stated that trucks that large are not allowed on District / Village of Rochester roads, and a warning to remove the truck was issued to the owner. Chairman Webb will contact the A&A Outdoor Services for quote for patching potholes this summer. The District will be soliciting bids for snowplowing services, and following a discussion it was decided to request the snowplowing bids be submitted for the June meeting. The stop sign that has fallen over on West Lakeshore Dr. is the responsibility of Walworth County.

4.3 Beaches/Parks/Trees – The picnic bench missing from the north beach has been returned. The District plans to add sand to the beaches this year and will seek quotes for such. The District is still waiting for information regarding adding electric service to the park on Shervin Dr.

4.4 Lakes – Postcards informing riparian owners along Honey Lake of the pending chemical treatments of Curly Leaf Pondweed in Honey Lake will be prepared and mailed. In addition, Commissioner Hildebrandt will post the notice and the DNR treatment application on the District website and in the notification kiosks. Commissioner Hildebrandt presented information from a webinar regarding a new potential lake treatment for sediment, and forwarded the information to Chairman Webb.

4.5 Town/Village/County News – Commissioner Lutz gave a summary of the Town of Spring Prairie reports and actions, which included that someone was hired/appointed to fill the Clerk/Treasurer position and will start on April 14th. In addition, the Town will not use taxes to provide signs for ATV/UTV routes. These signs are to be provided by user groups. He also gave a summary of the various positions being contended in the April election.

5.0 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS

5.1 – Presentation and discussion of Pre-Dredge Survey proposal – A representative of Kapur and Associates, Inc. (Kapur), Naomi Rauch, presented details regarding their proposal and an overview of the various options, considerations, and processes involved in dredging projects. *The Kapur proposal included using survey instruments to detect the top of sediment, physically measuring the depth of soft sediment, then using that information to prepare a map of the existing conditions and provide a sediment volume in the entire lake.* An initial Pre-Dredge Survey is designed to obtain information regarding existing conditions to determine if dredging is appropriate and to develop a scope for a potential future dredging project.

5.2 - Review and possible action on bridge repair bids – One bid was received, from Custom Grading, for replacement of the wood on the pedestrian bridge, as well as painting of the metal infrastructure. The Custom Grading bid would include removal and disposal of all the old wood boards, and installation of new, treated boards and hardware for \$11,125; and preparation, priming and painting of all the metal infrastructure for \$4,440. A previous proposal of \$5,500 was received for only the replacement of 15 boards. The bids were discussed, and it was decided to add conditions that the work was to be completed within 2 weeks of its initiation, weather permitting, and that the work would not be performed over a holiday/holiday weekend. In addition, Commissioner Lutz proposed that a gate or other mechanism to limit vehicle access to the bridge be

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considered, as the bridge is not designed for vehicles and they cause a lot of damage. Potential vehicle restriction devices will be considered, and may be added as part of the reconstruction. A motion to approve the Custom Grading bid of \$15,565 for repair and replacement of the pedestrian bridge, with the stated conditions, was made by Commissioner Travis, seconded by Commissioner Lutz and carried.

5.3 – Discussion and possible action on SEWRPC APM proposal – Previously, SEWRPC had submitted a proposal for the preparation of an Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Honey Lake, and Commissioner Hildebrandt spoke with a representative for further information. Commissioner Hildebrandt reported that the proposed APM would be more in depth than the PI survey that was already completed, including information and recommendations to improve the health of Honey Lake, help the native aquatic species, provide alternatives to chemical treatments for invasives, and include information required for obtaining grants, as well as some assistance in preparing a grant application. In addition, Commissioner Hildebrandt indicated that an APM may be required in the future in order to obtain permits for lake treatments, including chemical treatments. She also presented information regarding a separate Shoreline Survey service that could be completed for about \$1,500, which would include an evaluation of the existing shoreline and recommendations. Following a discussion, a motion to not approve the SEWRPC proposal and not seek a quote for the Shoreline Survey was made by Commissioner Ahlers, seconded by Commissioner Travis and carried.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 – Discussion and possible action on renaming Dyke Restoration/Preservation Account – Commissioner Kolosso proposed renaming this account to better reflect its purpose. A motion to approve renaming the *Dyke Restoration/Preservation* account to the *Lake Maintenance* was made by Commissioner Ahlers, seconded by Commissioner Travis and carried.

7.0 MONTHLY BILLS

MARCH 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
Michael F. Dubis S.C.	Copies of selected District files Legal Fees	\$98.75
Town Webb Design, LLC	District Web Page Annual Fee \$620 Website Upgrade \$600	\$1,220.00
Shelley Hildebrandt-Reimbursement	Adobe Software	\$12.99
Josph Kolosso-Reimbursement	Printer Ink	\$87.00
Doug Webb-Reimbursement	Printer Ink	\$56.00

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

No employee time sheets were submitted for approval in March.

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - There were no public comments.

9.0 ADJOURN (Next monthly meeting March 18, 2025)

A motion to adjourn, subject to recall, was made by Commissioner Travis, seconded by Commissioner Ahlers, and carried at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hildebrandt
Secretary