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EAGLE LAKE SEWER PUBLIC WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.

**4110 SOUTH BEAUMONT AVENUE (TOWN HALL)
KANSASVILLE, WI, RACINE COUNTY**

Agenda:

- 1) **Call Public Meeting to Order & Verification of Proper Posting:** Chairman Sam Stratton called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Sam Stratton Chairman, Mike Shenkenberg Supervisor #1, Jared Guillien Supervisor #2, Marie Frederick ELSUD Commissioner, and Jeff Bratz ELSUD Superintendent. Absent with notice: Jim Kieliszewski ELSUD Commissioner. Eight residents were present from a mailing of 782 invitations.
- 3) **Purpose of Hearing is to Receive Public Input Regarding the Wastewater Facilities Plan Submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Discuss the Most Cost-Effective and Environmentally Sound Wastewater Treatment and Interceptor System for the Next Twenty Years.**
- 4) **Appearance of Fairness: To Make General Public Comments, Please Step Up to the Podium. There will be a Two-Minute Time Limit for Comments per Resident. Please Respect Others While Speaking and Refrain From Crosstalk, Whispering, or Interrupting. Questions Should be Held Until the Public Comment Portion of the Meeting.:** Chairman Stratton reviewed the meeting standards.
- 5) **Project Introduction/Plant History by Plant Operator/Superintendent Jeff Bratz:** Mr. Bratz explained that he was in charge of the sewer plant from 1986-2003 and returned in 2012 to present. Jeff works at the Western Racine County Sewage District full time, Eagle Lake Sewer (ELS) doesn't pay employee benefits for Jeff. He is considered a contractor for a fixed annual salary. In 1978 the lift stations were installed. The pumps at the lift stations have been replaced once, reworked some pumps again and the life efficiency is gone. Currently to work on pumps, you need to climb down a ladder into an underground area, which is not allowed any longer with one person, safety concerns. The proposed updated lift stations will have submersible pumps which will be pulled up by chain to ground level to perform maintenance. During Jeff's absence in operating the plant, discussion was to increase the quarterly rates for updating equipment. Equipment was repaired whenever possible as debt has always been a concern. No sewer rate increase was ever implemented. Financially ELS has \$500,000 in a savings account to apply to this project. The Town of Dover received the American Rescue Plan funding in the amount of \$450,000 which is being applied to this project. Funding for principal forgiveness from the state was applied for and unfortunately denied as funding ran out. The county received 40 million dollars from the federal government and ELS has requested funding from them which has not been determined to date. A low interest loan would also be taken out for this project if needed. Worst case scenario would be a quarterly user rate increase in the amount of up to \$50 per quarter. This project is estimated to cost a little under five million dollars. The proposed update will save money in the long run; on energy, it will certainly be safer, and monitored/controlled easier with updated/better technology. The DNR

(Department of Natural Resources) must approve the final plans before anything can be put out for bids. If bids come in outrageously high, the project might have to be delayed until next year. The loan was reapplied for next year in case the project is delayed, but there are no guarantees if ELS would obtain a grant next year. Interest rates and materials may be higher as well.

- 6) Project Detail and Funding by Will Hein, Applied Technologies Engineer:** (Mr. Hein provided a PowerPoint presentation as well as a handout explaining the Lift Station 1,2,3, and 4 Improvements. Both presentation pieces are available for viewing on the www.townofdoverwi.com website under the Department tab, then Eagle Lake Sewer) Mr. Hein stated that he has been working with ELS since approximately 2020. An assessment of the system was completed with Jeff Bratz, please note the PowerPoint presentation for the outcomes. Discussion took place on the timing of replacing the force main on Golf Road, to try to impact the fewest number of residents, since the main runs right down the center of the road. Obviously, residents will need the sewer in working condition and road access while installing the new force main. The companies bidding the project will determine the actual timeline, but date ranges will be suggested. Two of the four force mains are made of plastic and two of iron. The plastic is working well, the iron will be replaced. Right-of-ways will certainly be impacted. Any trees in the right-of-way will not be replaced, nor private landscaping in the right-of-way, piles of earth will be removed, and grass reseeded once the project is completed. The contractor will be responsible if anything is damaged that is not in the right-of-way. The estimated time of quarterly rate increases, if there is an increase, is late 2022 or early 2023 pending funding or when the loan is closed.

- 7) Public Comments:** Chairman Stratton thanked everyone for coming.

- 8) Adjournment:** Jared Guillien made the motion to adjourn at 5:52pm., seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dated this 9th day of February 2022
Camille Gerou Clerk/Treasurer