

EAGLE LAKE SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT

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EAGLE LAKE SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

4110 SOUTH BEAUMONT AVE (TOWN HALL)

KANSASVILLE, WI RACINE COUNTY

1. **Call to order:** Chairman Sam Stratton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Sam Stratton Chairman, Mike Shenkenberg Supervisor #1, Jared Guillien Supervisor #2, Jim Kieliszewski ELSUD Commissioner, Marie Frederick ELSUD Commissioner Jeff Bratz ELSUD Superintendent, Will Hein Engineer Applied Technologies and Zack Hegemann DHD Roads Superintendent.
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes April 10, 2023:** Jim Kieliszewski made a motion to approve the April 10, 2023 minutes with amendment, seconded by Jared Guillien. VOTE: 5/0 Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Eagle Lake Sewer Utility District (ELSUD) Payables for May 2023:** Superintendent Jeff Bratz provided an overview of the expenditures and financial reports. Jared Guillien made the motion to pay May's expenses of \$26,533.38, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. VOTE: 5/0 Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments:** Jeff Bratz stated that he sold the ELSUD generator that was at the town hall for a thousand dollars to Wally Haag.
6. **Account Refund Statute of Limitation Ordinance:** Attorney Ludwig emailed over the ordinance that is currently on the books 13.04.140 and explained that he would not open the door for any refunds, perhaps clarify or expand the verbiage to make the ordinance even clearer. It was noted that Attorney Ludwig is certainly willing to comply with any direction the board would like to take. After discussion, it was determined that the ordinance should just be clarified.
7. **2628 Circle Drive Ed McCarthy Basement Issue:** Jeff Bratz explained that ordinance 13.04.060(Q) states that Eagle Lake Sewer is not responsible for sewer backups. The previous owner obviously knew that there could be a backup and planned accordingly with installing the backup flow device and additionally a pipe which in the event the backup flow device failed, any flow would be contained in the pipe. Gravity would allow the pipe to drain when possible. Jeff noted on the pictures supplied to the Board that the rusted/broken backup device was sitting in the background. No pipe was noted this time with this current owner. There was a lot of rain, but no ELSUD equipment failures. The pumps at the lift station were running, as well as the generator. Jeff Bratz also noted that he checked on Charlie Usher's basement and no problems were present. He has a back water device. Jeff checked on Charlie Usher's sister's basement, with no problems noted. She has a standpipe in the floor drain. Mr. McCarthy noted his neighbor checked on his basement for him and thought that the sump was not working. Mr. McCarthy checked his basement on April 6th and waited until the following weekend to remediate the issues. At that point, Mr. McCarthy noted that the ceiling tiles, cabinets, and a list of things were wrecked. Mr. McCarthy told Jeff that there was no drywall two foot from the floor; indicating there was some issue before. The Board acknowledged Dover Ordinance 13.04.060(Q) that the district is not responsible for this issue.
8. **Lift Station/Force Main Project Update:** Jeff Bratz noted that as of today, no new equipment is functioning. Currently they are reusing an old control panel, no wiring has been completed, the generators have no gas lines. There has not been any communication with PTS (PTS Contractors, Inc.

Green Bay), the main project contractor. There does not seem to be a sense of urgency to complete the project. Jeff stated the pump which was fixed about a month ago broke again. Discussion took place that money is being spent on old equipment because of the project completion delay. There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with all the contractors and this will need to be addressed. Discussion was held regarding assessing liquidated damages for failure to complete the contract. The contract reads, substantial completion by April 13th, with final completion by June 12th. Penalties could be assessed at \$250 per day as the project has not met substantial completion yet. The project engineer, Will Hein, determines completion levels past the April 13th deadline. Also noted were several delays for components such as the generators which are obviously required for the system to work. Supply chain issues have been discussed. Marie Frederick made the motion to start assessing damages since the original April 13th date, seconded by Jared Guillien. Vote: 5/0 (Marie yes, Jim yes, Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes) Motion carried.

9. **Sump Pump Inspector Update:** Lucas Shenkenberg has resigned due to time demands at his full-time job. A discussion occurred that ELS is paying twenty dollars an hour, applicants should be 18 years of age or older. Hoping for five inspections per hour. Advertising was discussed and it was decided that Facebook's Waterford, Burlington, and Union Grove sites would be the best route. Dover's website should also be updated.
10. **Plant Operations Update:** Jeff Bratz noted that the phosphorus numbers, with the addition of chemical, are doing very well. It is costing approximately \$2,500 a month for the chemical due to rising costs.
11. **Adjournment:** Jared Guillen made the motion to adjourn at 6:50pm., seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted the 24th day of May, 2023
Camille Gerou, Clerk/Treasurer