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EAGLE LAKE SEWER UTILITY DISTRICT COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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 Applied Tech Engineer
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023:** Marie Frederick made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Kieliszewski. VOTE: 5/0 Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Eagle Lake Sewer Utility District (ELSUD) Payables for October 2023:** Superintendent Jeff Bratz provided an overview of the expenditures and financial reports. Jared Guillien made the motion to pay October's expenses of \$59,769.38, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. VOTE: 5/0 Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments:** Operations at the plant were normal. Jeff Bratz explained that he received a call on September 30th that there was a sewer backup at 2233 Deerfield Park Road. Jeff did note that wastewater was building up in the manhole just downstream of this house. Jeff called Pat's Septic at 9pm to get the water pumped out of the system to temporarily eliminate the problem. The following day Pat's vacator and jetter returned to clean the main line; they noted a lot of stone in the line. The Village of Waterford allowed Jeff to borrow a camera system to see what was blocking the line: which showed an orange conduit pipe running through the sewer main. Jeff called Holtger Brothers Inc (HBI), a subcontractor for AT&T, to report the issue and ask for a company representative/witness to come down. Jeff called Wanasek Corp to fix the issue; they found the AT&T conduit through the sewer main. The Armgardt's/Dill property at 2223 Deerfield Park Road is a single level house with a crawl space. The sewer came up in the shower and traveled throughout the house. Neighbors only noted signs such as a bad odor and gurgling in their toilets. The owners have no insurance for sewer backups unfortunately. They came to this meeting to discuss what should be done, can be done, and thank Jeff for all his efforts. The owners noted that they have taken hundreds of photos to document this situation. They would like remediation to begin, such as disinfecting everything possible; removing the wood flooring, affected walls and shower surround, etc. Discussion occurred noting that ELSUD is not the responsible party. Eagle Lake Sewer will need to file a claim with AT&T and/or the subcontractor HBI to be reimbursed for the various companies who responded in this emergency situation. Jeff Bratz was asked to create a step-by-step letter stating the facts. An official claim was submitted, and a claim number received.

6. **Approval of Payment Request Number Eight to PTS Contractors, Inc.:** Engineer Will Hein noted that significant progress has not happened in the last month, so he recommends not paying until ELSUD sees some results. No operation manuals have been received to date, which is the main missing component. The project completion date should have been October 1st. \$3,207,914.13 has been paid to PTS Contractors to date from the four-million-dollar contract. Credits such as fencing, coatings, etc. are not included in that number. Every vendor still owes time to the project. There have been no return calls or emails. Charges can be assessed against the contract but again once that happens and the lawyers get involved, the job will not be completed. The jobs could be completed by other contractors, but it will cost more to be piecemealed out. After discussion the board agreed not to pay any more until progress has been made.
7. **Lift Station/Force Main Project Update:** Already discussed previously. Jeff did note that the main line where they stopped the cleaning on S Beaumont Avenue to the lift station must be cleaned out for any stone that washed into our new sewer pipes due to the conduit pipe running through the sewer main. The stone could potentially damage the new equipment.
8. **Sump Pump Inspector Update:** Jeff Bratz stated that he has not been contacted regarding the inspector position. Chairman Stratton noted that he will contact Jeff to try to complete some inspections. After discussion, there was no objections to Chairman Stratton completing inspections. Discussion occurred regarding reposting the ads.
9. **Plant Operations Update:** Jeff Bratz received an offer from the manufacturer for \$10,500 for the three generators removed from the lift stations. The manufacturer purchases older models, refurbishes, and resells the units. The board approved reselling them. Jeff did not test the phosphorus chemical to verify if the components are as strong as advertised/listed. The sample can be sent out for testing, but it has not been done to date. The regular monthly testing at Western Racine County won't change since Jeff has retired. The door for moving in chemicals has yet to be changed but once completed should alleviate storage issues. The lift station paddocks have not been ordered yet.
10. **Adjournment:** Marie Frederick made the motion to adjourn at 6:52pm., seconded by Jim Kieliszewski. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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