

SIDNEY TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

September 19, 2024

A meeting of the Sidney Township Sewer Advisory Committee was held at the Montcalm County Drain Office, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, Michigan on the 19th day of September 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Terry Peterman, Todd Sattler, Connie Stewart, Don Tompson, Bruce Jorgensen, Kim Smith, Greg Ewing, Shawn Wheat

ABSENT: Chris Putt, Adam Petersen

ALSO

PRESENT: Anne Gaylord

The meeting was called to order by Todd at 10:01 a.m.

A motion was made by Kim and seconded by Bruce to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Connie to approve the June 29, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Operator's Update

See Operator's Update. Shawn advised that he has been working on pump repair and replacement and is at about 50%. Todd asked if it more cost effective to rebuild or replace. Shawn advised that it depends on how damaged they are. Some need replacement and other can be repaired and could last another 10 years. He added that the hay has been mowed and the autumn olive has been pushed back. Water levels are down and there is still some erosion on the banks that needs to be taken care of. Lagoons 1 & 2 look good and he is still working on 3.

Completed Improvements to Lagoons

Shawn noted that the wiring will need to be gone through and will need some replacements, but the lift station is doing well. Todd asked about repair and replacement costs long terms. Shawn said wire replacement and an epoxy coating would probably give them another 20 years. He will start coordinating and obtaining quotes for the wiring and flooring work.

North Lagoon Harvest Update

Todd advised that the lease with Jed Welder has been signed through 2029. The maintenance team tore out the old fence row to connect the fields to make it easier to harvest both. 39 round bales were harvested this year. Todd added that this makes the sewer more in compliance with biomass removal requirements.

Financial Update

Todd provided a financial summary for 2024 and provided a proposed budget for 2025. Todd noted the changes made to the budget for a total budget of \$100,000 for 2025.

A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Kim to approve the 2025 budget as provided. Motion carried.

Other Business

Connie advised that the college will be adding dormitories with 84 beds. And asked what kind of impact that will have on the sewer system. Todd believes that the engineers on the project will provide information on that. Shawn noted that they estimate usage of 100 gallons per person per day. He added that the lakes currently pump between 15k and 20k gallons a day.

Todd asked what the long-term plan is for the sewer system, if they intend for it to stay with the Drain Office or if the township has plans to take it over in the future. Terry would like for it to stay with the Drain Office as long as possible as they believe things are going well. Todd advised that they should discuss a long-term plan for the management. Terry will bring it up at the next township board meeting.

Kim asked about the area lakes that are trying to start sewer systems. Todd stated that those projects are a long way off and a lot of the decisions are currently with the townships.

Kim asked about houses that were not required to hook in initially and were to hook in as issues arose with their septic systems. He noted that a resident worked on their drain field without a permit and have not yet hooked into the sewer system. Todd advised that they need to contact the health department.

Public Comments

No public comment.

A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Motion carried.