

Dorr/Leighton Sewer Authority
December 05, 2019

1. A special meeting of the Dorr/Leighton Sewer Authority was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Leighton Township Hall by Chairperson Deer.
2. Members present: Deer, Miling, Nieuwenhuis, Sewers, Bultsma, Martin, Overmyer
3. Members absent: VanderWoude
4. Others present: Joe Baxter, Roger Swets, Steve Wolbrink, Fern O’Beshaw, Brandon Mieras, Nathan Breese
5. Motion by Sewers, support by Overmyer to approve the minutes of November 14, 2019 as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Overmyer, support by Sewers to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
7. Mieras noted that he has had an opportunity to look at the construction bids. He reported that the two lowest bids did not submit all bid documents and recommends that we accept the lowest conforming bid by Davis Construction at 6.6 million. He will also be meeting with the contractor to negotiate value engineering as prescribed by USDA in an effort to reduce the contract by either eliminating some costs or by altering certain aspects of the project. It was also noted that the administrative, bond and engineering costs would be approximately another 1 million dollars.
8. Motion by Overmyer, support by Bultsma to reject the two lowest bids by L.D. Docsa Associates and Skye Construction based on the advice of the Engineers that the bids were incomplete. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
9. There was some discussion as to whether or not we are comfortable with a project that is much more than originally estimated, should we be looking at combining with the Green Lake Sewer System, and should the project be delayed since it appears that we have 3 more years of capacity left at our current REUs.
10. Swets suggested that there are several ways to proceed by splitting the project into two projects and doing one now and one in the future. He also suggested that interest rates would be higher if the project was delayed.
11. Motion by Overmyer, support by Bultsma to approve Resolution #2019-12-01 – “A resolution to purchase, acquire and construct improvements to the sanitary sewer system and to publish supplemental notice of intent to issue revenue bonds”. Roll call vote. Yeas: Overmyer, Bultsma, Miling, Martin, Sewers, Nieuwenhuis, Deer Nays: None Absent: VanderWoude Motion carried.
12. There was no public comment.
13. O’Beshaw presented an issue regarding Cocktailz/AJs. They did not submit their letter or meter readings prior to the November meeting as required. At the November meeting their bill was increased to 10 REUs. Since that time, she has received both their letter and meter readings which would re-calculate their bill to 3.47 REUs based on the readings. Motion by Overmyer, support by Martin to lower the Cocktailz/AJs bill to 3.47 REUs beginning with the March 1 billing. Yeas: Overmyer, Martin, Miling, Deer Nays: Bultsma, Sewers, Nieuwenhuis Motion carried.
14. The next special meeting was scheduled for December 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Leighton Township Hall.
15. The next regular meeting was scheduled for January 16, 2020 at noon at the Leighton Township Hall.
16. There was no public comment.

17. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Overmyer to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

18. Meeting adjourned.

Sec'y: _____

Co-Chair Deer: _____

Co-Chair Miling: _____