

Dorr/Leighton Sewer Authority  
December 12, 2019

1. A special meeting of the Dorr/Leighton Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairperson Deer at 10 a.m. at the Leighton Township Hall.
2. Members present: Deer, Miling, Bultsma, Martin, Nieuwenhuis, Sewers, Overmyer
3. Members absent: VanderWoude
4. Others present: Steve Wolbrink, Joe Baxter, Fern O’Beshaw, Brandon Mieras, Roger Swets, Representatives of L.D. Docsa Associates
5. Motion by Sewers, support by Overmyer to approve the minutes of November 5, 2019 as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Overmyer to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
7. Mieras explained that the two lowest bidders for the project were disqualified because they did not include a supplier and subcontractor list. Representatives of L.D. Docsa said that they did respond to article 17 of the addendum stating that they would supply the list within 5 days. (and actually submitted it within 2 hours) They stated that article 19 says that the owner can waive minor informalities. They also stated that 1.6 million dollars of the contract would be returned to the community because of local contractors. They would like the board to reconsider. Mieras explained that value engineering is in progress with the apparent low bidder according to USDA standards. Attorney Swets stated that awarding the bid to the apparent low bidder is legally appropriate and defensible under the contract documents. It was suggested that we should reject all the bids and rebid the project or have all the contractors go through the value engineering process. Following discussion, Overmyer motioned, supported by Sewers to stick with the original decision and send the prepared response letter to L.D. Docsa stating that they were not compliant with the requirements. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
8. Mieras further explained that he has met with Davis Construction for value engineering and will have more information by December 20<sup>th</sup>. He will have a summary to the board by January 6, 2020.
9. Motion by Overmyer, support by Sewers to modify the authority budget by increasing the legal line to \$48,000.00. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Overmyer, support by Martin to adopt Resolution #2019-12-02 – a resolution to approve rural development application. Roll call vote. Yeas: Overmyer, Martin, Sewers, Miling, Nieuwenhuis, Bultsma, Deer Nays: None Absent: VanderWoude Motion carried.
11. There have been several complaints from residents about the increasing fees. Overmyer and O’Beshaw will work on a fact sheet to help in explaining the increased fees.
12. There was no public comment.
13. The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the Leighton Township Hall.
14. Motion by Nieuwenhuis, support by Bultsma to adjourn.
15. Meeting adjourned.

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Co-Chair Deer: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Chair Miling: \_\_\_\_\_