

May 21, 2020

1. A meeting of the Dorr-Leighton Wastewater Authority was called to order at 9:30 p.m. at the treatment plant. The meeting was conducted by use of Microsoft Teams due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. Members present: Deer, Miling, Nieuwenhuis, Overmyer, Sewers
3. Members present with Teams: Martin, Bultsma
4. Members absent: VanderWoude
5. Others present: Steve Wolbrink, Brandon Mieras, Fern O'Beshaw, Joe Baxter, Brock Mellema
6. Motion by Sewers, support by Overmyer to approve the minutes of January 9 and January 16. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Overmyer, support by Sewers to approve the meeting agenda with the change of moving #14 to #5. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
8. Brock Mellema, representing Classic Transportation spoke regarding their sewer extension on 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Since Classic is paying for this extension, he suggested a legal agreement which would allow for them to receive a payback should others choose to hook to that portion of the sewer in the future. We will look into the possibility of having a legal agreement drawn up.
9. Mieras reported that the plant expansion is on track with the progress meeting. At the current time, a new roof and the grit channel are in progress. At this time there has been no request for payment.
10. Motion by Martin, support by Nieuwenhuis to give authority to the finance committee to approve and pay all construction payments following a sign off by Mieras. All members voted yes. Motion carried.
11. Deer reported that our financial situation is better than expected due to the lower interest rate when the project was being held up. The 7-year projection is in a better situation because of the interest rate. He will continue to update the plan as an agenda item every year.
12. There was some discussion regarding a rate increase. The consensus was to review the budget at the August meeting to decide if an increase was necessary.
13. SAW grant report – All program reimbursements are complete.
14. A 20-year plan was offered for information and will be updated annually.
15. Connection fees and REU table – Williams & Works has provided information for us to use. It is adequate for now but a few adjustments are necessary.
16. No public comment.
17. No correspondence.
18. Baxter reported on operations. There is a need for a new pump at station #7 in Harvest Meadows. There is still a need to educate the users about flushing wipes. There continues to be a problem with this and it increases the cost of operation.
19. O'Beshaw gave a financial report. There were no metered rate changes at this time.
20. There was no new business.
21. Next Meeting – August 20, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Leighton Township
22. No public comment.
23. Motion by Sewers, support by Nieuwenhuis to adjourn. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

24. Meeting adjourned.

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

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