



**MINUTES  
JUNE 7, 2023  
FSD MEETING**

Present: Dan Vanden Berg, Eugene Klister

Others Present: Terri Romitti, FSD, Dean Zanon, Cedar Corp

Meeting called to order at 6:30 a.m. at the Freedom Sanitary District Office.

Verification of posting as indicated on the bottom of the agenda.

Motion by Eugene Klister to adopt the agenda. Second by Dan Vanden Berg. Motion Carried (2-0).

Open Floor Session – Discussed staffing for weekend on call and to help other times also. Brian said he would like to see some long term, part-time, can-do troubleshooting and is familiar with equipment. Dean discussed that Cedar is bringing more staff on for these types of situations and for operating some of their smaller municipalities. Also discussed the possibility of looking into job sharing with the Town for this one position.

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to approve vouchers 19693 – 19728 including three auto draws for a total of \$77,153.69 (Water \$22,297.02 and Sewer \$54,856.67) Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (2-0).

Motion by Eugene Klister to approve the May 3, 2023 minutes as written. Second by Dan Vanden Berg. Motion Carried (2-0).

Discussed the WET Testing results. Testing was done in May; we were notified the water fleas did not survive but the minnows did. We will now have to take two more tests and pass both of those in order not to be put under increased testing and a study to find out what is the cause.

Update on the storage shed development. No update.

Discuss future extensions of Parkway Lane. Terri reached out to TJS Properties for an update but we have not heard any update. Jay Midbon from M&E had contacted the Sanitary District saying that Properties TJS are looking for service. Jay recommended a new lateral get ran from UNI for both water and sewer. Due to the timing of needing service and not knowing how the Town plans to proceed in that area it was agreed upon that that is the best choice given the situation.

Reviewed the sewer rates. There are some projects on the horizon that we need to start thinking about. Hauler rates remained steady for many years.

Motion by Eugene Klister to increase sewer rates 9% beginning, and to increase the hauled in waste to \$10.43 for holding and \$35.50 for septic all beginning on July 1, 2023. Second by Dan Vanden Berg. Motion Carried (3-0).

Discussed updates to the GIS System. The software that runs our GIS is outdated. With the new software we will be able to input more maintenance data and be able to access the data remotely. Cedar Corporation provided a pricing on making these upgrades. We will also need to pay an annual fee for usage of program/ license and usage fee.

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to have Cedar Corporation complete the updates and initial setup of the new GIS software and integration of old data for up to \$7500.00. Also will need to pay an annual fee of \$1,485.00 annually to maintain the license. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (2-0).

Discussed a potential new well and DNR Grant information. The scores were released and it is questionable if any grant money would be awarded to the District due to the amount of projects ahead of the District. Due to the score being released late Commissioners decided we would work on the de the remaining of this year and be ready to move forward

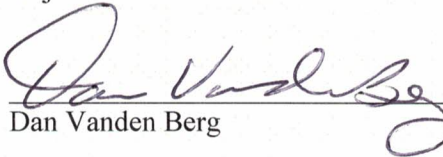
with project next year once scoring is out again. It would have a huge crunch to get things done with the score being released later by the DNR.

Engineers Report – None.

Other Business Before the Board –  
-None

Motion by Eugene Klister to adjourn. Second by Dan Vanden Berg. Motion Carried (2-0).

Adjourned at 7:30 a.m.

  
Dan Vanden Berg Date: 7-17-23

  
Eugene Klister Date: 7-17-23