



**MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 7, 2024  
FSD MEETING**

Present: Dan Vanden Berg, Eugene Klister, Sam Van Handel

Others Present: Terri Romitti, FSD; Dean Zanon, Cedar Corporation

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 Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Open Floor Session – None

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to approve vouchers 19958 – 19980 including auto draws for a total of \$56,245.04 (Water \$22,819.59 and Sewer \$33,425.45) Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Motion by Sam Van Handel to approve the January 10, 2024 minutes as written. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Update on potential of TID #3 in Town of Freedom – No Update

Discussion regarding potential of connecting to surrounding water utilities. We were contacted by a resident to see if we ever reviewed the option of connecting to Green Bay Water Utility since it is 6 miles from the District Boundary. Dean explained the process of negotiations and what the connection process would look like. Commissioners said that due to the investment in the property that was bought years ago for a future well site, the pipe that was put in to bring water back to the treatment plant, lack of potential growth, and having good water were reasons they would not be in favor of connecting to Green Bay Water Utility.

Update on Future Well #3 and updates to existing treatment facility. Approximate cost to complete iron filter media replacement, blower maintenance, and piping repairs would be approximately \$300,000. In addition, the softener work could be approximately \$500,000. To enhance redundancy a softener could be added to FRWP when we install a new well. At that time, we will also replace media in the softeners. The media in both the filter and softeners has exceeded its life expectancy. As noted in the report from Westech the filter media depths are not where they need to be and the softeners have lost some media. It will be vital that upon completion of media changes that the operation of the filter gets back to the way it was designed to run. Dean also questioned manganese results. Operators had not tested that in the past. Dean suggested that we begin testing it. Terri will talk to Nicole to begin testing.

Motion by Sam VanHandel to approve having Cedar move forward with a bid package for iron filter media replacement, maintenance on blower, and internal piping repairs of filter with an estimated cost of \$300,000. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Engineers Report – Nothing else to report.

Other Business Before the Board –


- There is an oil leak in the van that will be very costly to repair and will require the engine to be removed. Commissioners recommended at looking at a new vehicle instead of repairing, Terri will begin making calls to start gathering quotes.

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to adjourn. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

  
Date: 2/21/24

Dan Vanden Berg

  
Date: 2-21-24

Eugene Klister

Date: