



**MINUTES  
JULY 23, 2025  
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 Sam Van Handel to adopt the agenda. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Open Floor Session – None

Motion by Eugene Klister to approve vouchers 20522– 20544 for a total of \$163,467.64 (Water \$33,129.49 and Sewer \$130,33.15) Second by Sam Van Handel Motion Carried (3-0).

Approval of Minutes – Tabled

Reviewed user rates with Ginny Hinz, Onward Accounting and Consulting. With the large projects coming up we have been reviewing rates on both the sewer and water side. Ginny has been preparing for a rate case study with the Public Service Commission which is required with the well project. The District will continue with the 20% Sewer rate increase this year as was planned and communicated to customers last year in a newsletter. After review of the water rates, there will be a large increase coming in 2026. We may be able to do a phased increase. Ginny will continue to work with the PSC on this process. Cedar also needs to submit a construction authorization for the Well project with the PSC and that needs to be submitted prior to us submitting the rate case study.

Update on Well Site #3 Project. Received comments back on submittals from the DNR. Will be getting comments back from them by 8/4. Had a preliminary discussion with the DNR. Will continue working with Town, County, and East Central WI Planning. Goal is to complete test well in October of this year.

Update on Finnigans Ridge Water Treatment Plant Rehab project. Cedar is meeting with the WI DNR to verify the SDWF. Plans and Specs have been submitted.

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant TSS upgrade project. Terri and Brian continue to meet George Thompson. Cedar was able to develop an option where there is gravity flow to and through the infiltration system yet moves the structure within the current treatment structures. Plans and specs are due on 9/30.

Update on Fox Meadows Subdivision – work is continuing. Cedar continues to be onsite full time. No soil issues recently. Hoping to be completed in mid August.

Engineers Report – Nothing Additional

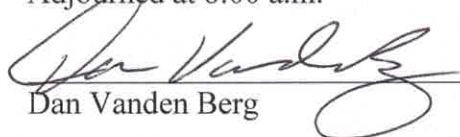
Other Business Before the Board

- Terri and Ginny completed the Standards and Poors rating call.

- Terri completed the unemployment hearing and unemployment was denied.
- Terri had a conversation with the WI DNR regarding employee situation and they said the District handled the situation like they needed to. Commissioners agreed no other information will be shared.

Motion by Eugene Klister to adjourn. Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

  
Dan Vanden Berg

8-13-25  
Date:

  
Eugene Klister

8-13-25  
Date: