

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 (ECSD 2)
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Vincent George, Angela Horton, and Anna Knack

OTHERS PRESENT: Supervisor Ray Ashton, Chris Baldwin, Joseph Fiegl, Nancy Forys,
Carl Horne

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Knack called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

a. Nominations of Board Officers

Mr. Fiegl verified that Ms. Knack has agreed to stay on as Chair, Mayor George as Vice Chair, and Ms. Horton will remain as Secretary through 12/31/2025. On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Ms. Knack, the Board voted to approve the nominations. The motion carried 3 – 0.

Ms. Knack took the opportunity to welcome Supervisor Ray Ashton from the Town of Evans and all attendees introduced themselves.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Knack, seconded by Mayor George, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2023 meeting. The motion carried 3 – 0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. 8 Gowans Rd, Angola (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl addressed the Board regarding a letter dated 1/24/2024 that the Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) received from the owner of 8 Gowans Rd, Angola. The owner, Mr. Dotys, purchased this property in October 2023 and is disputing sewer taxes on his tax bill because it is currently serviced by a septic system and not connected to the sanitary sewer. Ms. Horton provided a map of the parcel and sewerlines, along with the last couple years of the tax bills showing the assessed valuation charges. Mr. Fiegl stated that the DSM will draft a letter on behalf of the Board to Mr. Doty advising how ECSD 2 is a benefit assessment district for those located within the boundaries. Information on a septic disposal discount to ECSD 2 will be included. Mr. Fiegl also stated the DSM would conduct an economic analysis showing the potential cost to extend sewer service to this area, which would entail a creek crossing.

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval for Enforcement Hearing: Fine Stages (Handout)

Ms. Horton provided background information on the house inspection program for Supervisor Ashton. Mr. Fiegl mentioned that the authority is given to the DSM by the Legislature to enforce the Rules & Regulations for ECSD's.

The Board was provided with a list of 13 property owners recommended for a premium assessment following the enforcement hearing held on 11/15/23. The DSM is recommending moving forward to the premium assessment phase if noncompliance continues. Ms. Horton provided a copy of the hearing findings and explained that the property owner will be notified by another letter to be sent around March 1st advising them they have 30 days to comply. If the homeowner does not comply, the premium assessment would be \$100 per month anticipated to begin April 1st. On a motion by Mayor George, seconded by Ms. Knack, the Board voted to move forward with the premium assessment stage. The motion carried 3 – 0.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report

Mr. Baldwin provided the Board with an update on ECSD 2 activities since the last meeting. The collection system activities consisted of flushing 17,556 feet of sewerline, televising 723 feet of sewerline, and completing 5 manhole repairs. There was a total of 18 complaints that were responded to including: 4 grinder related, 13 sanitary sewerline related, and 1 odor related.

At the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF): the aeration blower replacement project is on-going, Frey Electric began infrastructure technology (IT) improvements, and the Admin Building boiler was replaced. The floatation thickener (FT) Abel pump project continues including the bases were fabricated and painted, holes and threaded rods installed, pumps leveled and bolted down. The new FT steel repairs and coating will be going out to bid. Crews drained and cleaned out the hood and center channel of the North and South sand filters and super-chlorinated both; drained and hosed #3 clarifier and also performed repairs on sections of the sweep; replaced compressors on #1 and #2 influent pumps; and changed UV bulbs in 1A and 1B banks.

At the pumping stations (PSs): crews swapped the muffin monster with a rebuilt one at the Sweetland PS; investigated generator issues at the Brant Farnham PS, and on the recommendation by Penn Power crews flushed the coolant repeatedly and replaced the block heater, then tested it and put it back in service; the block heater hosing was replaced at the Lotus Bay PS; check valves were repaired at both the Schreiner & Shorecliff PSs; and the electronic technician rewired what is known as the peckerhead on the pump at the 18 Mile PS.

Mr. Baldwin also noted that during the month of January, staff prepped for the multiple weather events in ECSD 2, which helped to minimize response time and issues.

Supervisor Ashton inquired about sanitary sewer overflows. Mr. Baldwin stated that the number has been significantly reduced as this is a continuous effort by the DSM to make it better. Mr. Horne concurred that overflows are much better than in past years. He advised that as part of

the budget and ARP funding, the district receives monies to remove extraneous water in the system through the inflow and infiltration (I&I) program. Mr. Fiegl added that there are still issues in the Sweetland PS area, which the DSM is addressing, but has improved from what was experienced in the past. He commented that there were no overflows south of the Big Sister Creek WRRF during the last major melt event at the end of January, which would not have been the case prior to the upgrades completed.

b. Construction Report

Ms. Horton reviewed the construction updates which included: Contract 95 cured in place pipe lining (CIPPL). Kenyon performed prep work on sewerlines in the Village of Angola with asbestos cement pipe (ACP) and they will begin prep work on truss pipe on South Main Street in the Town of Eden once the highway permits are in place. CIPPL work on this work order is anticipated to commence later this year.

Contract 100 Big Sister Creek IT infrastructure improvements with Frey Electric consists of expansion of fiber optic service and ethernet cable at the facility, installation of new infrastructure to support the facility's upcoming transition to a voice over IP (VOIP) phone system, installation or replacement of network cabinets, and replacement of outdated technology devices including speakers and network switches. Work is underway and completion is anticipated by the end of April 2024.

Contract 101 Big Sister Creek aeration blower replacement project with Quackenbush & Frey Electric: work is underway on this project to replace aeration blowers, piping and associated electrical infrastructure at the facility. Existing blowers have been demolished. New blowers and piping have been delivered to the facility and are anticipated to be installed over the next few months. A time extension, at no additional cost to the contract, has been requested by Frey Electric due to long lead times for material procurement and is being reviewed by the DSM. Mr. Fiegl commented that the new blowers are turbo blowers which are high efficiency.

Contract 96, the multi-district sanitary sewer open cut repair term contract for 2024-2026, had bids received through Erie County's Purchasing Department on January 12th for repairs to be issued on a work order basis. The contract will be in place for two years and the bids are still under review.

Evaluation phase services for the rehabilitation/replacement of the Wide Beach and Lotus Bay forcemains and PSs is anticipated to be issued as a work order to another engineering consultant under the current term engineering contract.

A sewerline supported on concrete piers at a creek crossing on Old Lakeshore Road just north of North Creek was identified as a candidate for evaluation. It is anticipated an engineering work order will be issued to check the structural condition of this sewerline.

Through the engineering term contract, Ramboll has been assigned to evaluate five PS including Brant-Farnham, 18 Mile Creek, North Creek, North Evans, and Sweetland facilities. The PSs will be evaluated for operational improvements and equipment replacement due to the age of the equipment.

Supervisor Ashton asked if ACP sewerlines are removed or left in place during the CIPPL. Ms. Horton explained that they are left undisturbed to avoid exposure and expensive asbestos removal.

c. Payments (Handout)

Ms. Horton conveyed to the Board that several district payments were made to Wendel for the Big Sister Creek WRRF Blower System; to Greenman-Pederson for PS Evaluation; to Quackenbush for Big Sister WRRF Secondary Aeration Blowers Replacement; to Camden Group for Manhole Rehabilitation; to Kenyon Pipeline for CIPPL; and to Frey Electric for the Big Sister Creek WRRF IT improvements.

Ms. Horton noted there was a correction to the Board of Managers 2024 Meeting Schedule previously approved at the October meeting, whereas the December date was corrected to Thursday, December 5, 2024.

Ms. Knack moved, seconded by Ms. Horton to receive and file the miscellaneous and informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 3 – 0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Knack, seconded by Mayor George, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am. The motion carried 3 – 0.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela M. Horton, P.E., Secretary
ECSD 2 Board of Managers

Approval of Minutes:

Motioned By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Approved/Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____