

North Kent Sewer Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steven Grimm called the meeting of the North Kent Sewer Authority (NKSA) to order at 2:30 p.m. at the PARCC Side Clean Water Plant, 4775 Coit Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Present were Board Members Steve Grimm, Chairman (Cannon Township), Matt McConnon (Courtland Township), Terry Bartels (Courtland, alt.), Greg Madura (Alpine Township, alt.), Cameron VanWyngarden (Plainfield Township)

Also in attendance were NKSA attorney Jim Scales, Mark Prein, P.E., NKSA employees Rob Edgar and Jeremy Pitsch, Tom Coleman, Kathy Batey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Greg Madura seconded by Cameron VanWyngarden to approve the October 1, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Coleman and Kathy Batey, newly elected officials for Plainfield Charter Township, introduced themselves to the NKSA board.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mark Prein presented a written report on behalf of Scott Schoolcraft.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Resolution 2020-01 Adopting the 2021 Budget – Mark Prein presented the 2021 budget.

Motion by Greg Madura, seconded by Matt McConnon to approve the 2021 budget as presented. Roll call vote: Steve Grimm; aye, Matt McConnon; aye, Greg Madura; aye, Cameron VanWyngarden; aye. Motion carried.

B. Discussion on community outreach on Grand River flooding events – The Plainfield Floodplain Committee met on October 23rd. Information was provided to homeowners at the meeting and a continuing plan to provide information is in progress.

Community outreach will be an ongoing agenda item.

Plainfield Charter Township acquired a house on Forest Ridge in the floodplain area.

C. Discussion on 2021 work plans – continues forward in the same manner as last year.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of proposed master agreement with Prein & Newhof – Motion by Greg Madura, seconded by Cameron VanWyngarden to approve the updated master agreement with Prein & Newhof. Motion approved unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Matt McConnon reported that Courtland Township received no bids for maintenance of their collection system. The NKSA is reluctant to take on the projects due to the age of the system and the staff time needed to take on the additional work. Courland Township would like the NKSA board to allow Scott Schoolcraft to explore options and possibly a short-term agreement. The board agreed to have Scott investigate options.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

December 3, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

Tina Porzondek
Acting Recording Secretary