

North Kent Sewer Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 02, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steven Grimm called the meeting of the North Kent Sewer Authority (NKSA) to order at 2:00 p.m. at the PARCC Side Clean Water Plant, 4775 Coit Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Present were Board Members Steven Grimm, Chairman (Cannon Township), Terry Bartels (Courtland Township), Jean Wahlfield (Alpine Township), Thad Beard (City of Rockford), Cameron Van Wyngarden (Plainfield Charter Township)

Also in attendance were Scott Schoolcraft -NKSA Director, NKSA attorney Jim Scales, Mark Prein, P.E., NKSA employee Jeremy Pitsch, Rick Solle -Director of Public Services for Plainfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Cameron VanWyngarden seconded by Jean Wahlfield to approve the May 06, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Scott Schoolcraft presented a written report.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Mark Prein provided an update on the proposed use of solar energy at the PARCC Side Clean Water Plant. Solar panels installed on the plant property are not practical. The property is better suited for the possibility of future plant expansion. Additional property would have to be purchased to continue with the project. It may not be feasible to continue with the project based on the cost of land vs. energy cost savings.

B. Engineers are looking at the cause of roof failure at the machine building. A new roof must be installed. Installation is expected to take place by spring. More information will be provided at the October or November meeting.

C. The effluent monitoring is still showing elevated levels of PFAS. The problem stems from north of the river. The 10 Mile landfill installed a GAC system on their leachate that will help remove a portion. Plainfield recently installed a GAC system along a segment the Rogue River. EGLE may eventually set limits.

NEW BUSINESS

A. A proposal was considered for utility line tree and brush removal from Summit Tree Service. The proposal will be considered once changes are made to Item 8 and to Item 9 indemnifying and limiting liability to the NKSA.

B. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant funds may be available for protective environmental infrastructure and to address environmental issues, including flooding. NKSA will support Plainfield in its intent to apply for the grant. The grant may possibly assist with flood plain land acquisition and infrastructure.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

October 7, 2021

Tina Porzondek
Acting Recording Secretary