

North Kent Sewer Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 02, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Cameron VanWyngharden 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: Greg Madura (Alpine Township.), Beth Alt (Alpine Township, alt.), Cameron VanWyngharden (Plainfield Charter Township), Linda Lehman (City of Rockford, alt.)

Also in attendance were NKSA Director Scott Schoolcraft, NKSA Attorney Jim Scales, NKSA Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Pitsch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Greg Madura, second by Linda Lehman to approve the December 01, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Scott Schoolcraft presented a written report. Director Schoolcraft shared concerns about the substantial increase in the cost of supplies and utilities used to operate the plant. The cost of electricity has increased over \$400 per day. The option of solar power will again be explored.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion by Linda Lehman, second by Greg Madura to elect 2023 NKSA officers:
Steve Grimm, Chairperson
Cameron VanWyngharden, Vice Chairperson
Linda Lehman, Treasurer
Thad Beard, Secretary
Motion approved unanimously.

B. Scott Schoolcraft presented the 2023 system flow percentages report prepared by Prein & Newhof. The report was similar to previous years, there was no significant change in the data. Motion by Linda Lehman, second by Greg Madura to approve the 2023 system flow percentages. Motion approved unanimously.

Jim Scales noted that the current forty-year contract between the member communities does not expire for another twenty-two years.

C. Motion by Greg Madura, second by Lind Lehman to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford F-350 with a plow package from Tony Betten Ford for \$62,516.00. Motion approved unanimously.

Scott Schoolcraft explained to the board the difficulty in getting vehicles due to lack of inventory at the dealerships.

D. Motion by Greg Madura, second by Linda Lehman to approve Vredeveld and Haefner, LLC to perform the financial audits for the NKSA for the years 2022-2026 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Scott Schoolcraft reported that EGLE negotiations continue but have not been productive.

The insurance claim for the roof is pending.

Jim Scales informed the board that connection fees have not been raised since 2016. There is a need for consistency in the procedures of how connection fees are handled. A joint system connection work group will be formed. Scott Schoolcraft will set up a meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

March 02, 2023

Tina Porzondek
Acting Recording Secretary