

North Kent Sewer Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 02, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve 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: Matt McConnon (Courtland), Greg Madura (Alpine Township), Beth Alt (Alpine Township, alt.), Thad Beard (City of Rockford), Linda Lehman (City of Rockford, alt), Cameron VanWyngarden (Plainfield Charter Township)

Also in attendance were NKSA Director Scott Schoolcraft, NKSA Attorney Jim Scales, NKSA Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Pitsch, Mark Prein, P.E., Plainfield Charter Township Trustee Kathey Batey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Matt McConnon, second by Thad Beard to approve the August 03, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Scott Schoolcraft presented a written report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Matt McConnon, second by Greg Madura to open the public hearing for the 2024 General Appropriations Act (Budget). Motion passed unanimously.

No comment given.

Motion by Matt McConnon, second by Cameron Van Wyngarden to close the public hearing.

Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Schoolcraft explained that the sewer authority experienced large increases in the costs of utilities, chemicals, and landfill disposal in the past year. Work on the 4 Mile Lift Station projected is almost complete, providing for some decreased costs in the budget.

Motion by Thad Beard, second by Matt McConnon to approve Resolution 2023-01 Adopting the 2024 Budget. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The NKSA board discussed Algoma Township's request to expand the sewer system to include the Saddle Ridge subdivision and the new elementary school in Rockford Public School District located in Algoma Township.

Motion by Greg Madura, second by Thad Beard to approve the Resolution Approving Expansion of Algoma Service Area and Amended Sewer Service Agreement.

Roll call vote: Steve Grimm; aye, Matt McConnon; aye, Greg Madura; aye, Thad Beard; aye, Cameron VanWyngarden; aye. Motion approved unanimously.

The expansion approved in the resolution is contingent upon consent from the five jurisdictions that are members of the NKSA. The expansion is also contingent upon the agreement with Algoma Township requiring that the joint system connection fees are a paid.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The board discussed the need to explore new connection fees. The fees have not increased in eight years. The board will continue this discussion in December.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

December 07, 2023

Tina Porzondek
Acting Recording Secretary