

North Kent Sewer Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 01, 2025

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: Steve Grimm (Cannon Township), Greg Madura (Alpine Township) Beth Alt (Alpine Township alt.), Matt McConnon (Courtland Township), Cameron VanWyngarden (Plainfield Charter Township)

Also in attendance were: Scott Schoolcraft, NKSA Director; Mark Prein, P.E.; Jeremy Pitsch, NKSA Assistant Superintendent; and Mark Nettleton, Attorney for NKSA

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Jim Scales, who served as the NKSA attorney since its formation in 1997.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Cameron VanWyngarden, second by Matt McConnon to approve the May 01, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Scott Schoolcraft presented a written report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Attorney Mark Nettleton was introduced to the NKSA board. Mark is an experienced municipal attorney from the law firm of Mika Meyers.

B. The board discussed the PARCC-Side CWP Six Year Improvement Plan. The proposed plan will encompass a proactive equipment replacement approach that will also include growth factors. Bonds are expected to be paid off in 2031-32.

Mark Prein presented a master approach timeline that puts the recommended work to be performed in sequenced order. The plan timeline considers efficiency as well as minimizing construction costs. The board confirmed their interest and support in continuing to move forward with the plan.

C. Scott Schoolcraft updated the board on the high BOD loading investigations. Scott is receiving cooperation from local law enforcement. Any reports of suspicious activity pertaining to this matter should be shared with Scott.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Motion by Matt McConnon, second by Greg Madura to approve the Standing Operating Procedure for Connection and Forwarding Joint System Connection Fees. Motion approved unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The 2024 audit is complete.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

June 5, 2025

Tina Porzondek
Acting Recording Secretary