

Farwell Kensington Sanitary District Minutes
February 2, 2017

Members Present: Pryce Score, Todd Eystad, Larry Husfeldt, and Karin Anderson
Members Absent: Randy Nessman
Guests: Dennis Dalager, Angela Holm, and Brian Bollig

The monthly meeting for the Farwell Kensington Sanitary District was held on February 2, 2017 at 7:03 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room.

Motion (Anderson/Husfeldt) to approve the agenda. MCU

Motion (Anderson/Husfeldt) to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting. MCU

Motion (Husfeldt/Anderson) to approve the financial report and to pay bills listed on the claims list. MCU

Dennis Dalager- People Service Inc.: The heater in the main lift station control box burnt out and had to be replaced. Ever since the heater went out we have been having problems with the D6201 controller. Dennis has done a couple things to try to troubleshoot the problem, unfortunately they didn't work and will have to call for service. Dennis did some research to see if there is any resale value for the dehumidifier and unfortunately it is not worth much more than scrap.

Angela Holm and Brian Bollig were present with Bollig to discuss the progress of the Small Cities application. After further communication with DEED, they have expressed that they do not want to be the primary grant funder. They would like to provide just under 50% of the total project as grant funds if our application is approved. Brian has been in contact with both Rural Development and PFA regarding additional funding for our project. RD is willing to work with the District regarding the additional funding that may be required. Brian suggested that our target number for the project be in the 1.4-million-dollar range to maximize the amount of grant funds we can obtain. The Board discussed additional water projects that could be added to meet the new target range of 1.4 Million. Brian also stated that even with the increased costs to the project the District repay ability should remain the same as if we were only doing a new water tower. The application needs to be submitted on or before February 23, 2017. The District will need to approve a resolution authorizing the submittal of the Small Cities application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development and schedule a Public Hearing.

Motion (Eystad/Anderson) to approve Resolution 2017-2 authorizing submittal of small cities application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development. MCU

Public Hearing will be set for Thursday March 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The district received this annual letter of adjustment from People Service. The contract will be increasing 2.1% effective April 2017.

Motion (Eystad/Anderson) to approve the 2.1% increase to the People Service contract starting April, 2017. MCU

The board discussed possible rate increases for water and sewer and the potential addition of a water tower surcharge. The proposed water rate increase would go from \$ 5.50 per thousand gallons of usage to \$ 5.75 per thousand gallons of usage. The proposed sewer rate increase would add \$2.00 to every household size bracket and a Water Tower Surcharge of \$5.00 per month is proposed.

Past due accounts were reviewed and letters will be sent.

Motion (Eystad/Husfeldt) to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. MCU

Next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Jennifer Kangas,
Secretary/Treasurer