Farwell Kensington Sanitary District Minutes

July 13, 2023

Members Present: Pryce Score, Karin Anderson, Larry Husfeldt, Randy Nessman, and Todd Eystad

Members Absent:

Guests: Jennifer Kangas, and Mike Moen

The monthly meeting for the Farwell Kensington Sanitary District was held on July 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room.

**Motion (Nessman/Husfeldt) to approve the agenda. MCU**

**Motion (Husfeldt/Nessman) to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023, meeting. MCU**

**Motion (Anderson/Nessman) to approve the financial report and to pay claims 777 through 787 listed on the claims list. MCU**

The district’s grant application for the Wastewater Pond Optimization and Implementation Grant from the MPCA has been denied.

The MN Department of Health was out on September 28, 2022, to collect samples to test our public water supply for Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). On June 12, 2023, we got a letter back from the MN Department of Health that there were no PFAS compounds detected in our water supply and no additional action is needed at this time.

The district was notified by the DNR that the summer water use fees will be increasing. The surcharge will be increasing from $30.00 per million gallons to $ 50.00 per million gallons. The revised surcharge will go into effect on July 1, 2023. Water use in July, August, and September of 2023 will be subject to the amended surcharge of $50.00 per million gallons and water used in June of 2023 that exceeds the volume of water used in January 2023 will be subject to the previous surcharge of $30.00 per million gallons.

Mike Moen- People Service Inc. – The new dehumidifier has been installed in the water plant. We ordered the same dehumidifier from a different company and were able to save a couple hundred dollars. Pond spraying is underway. Mike will need to have a pesticide applicator’s license to spray the chemical that is needed to kill the cottonwood trees that are growing inside the rocks at the ponds. The application fee is $75.00, and this will be the only place that he will use this spray or license. Mike has passed both the water and wastewater tests; he is working on getting the paperwork switched from Dennis to himself now that he is licensed.

**Motion (Nessman/Anderson) to approve Mike Moen with People Service to take the pesticide applicators test. The district will pay the $75.00 fee, with the understanding that this license can only be used for the Farwell Kensington Sanitary District. MCU**

Back in March of 2023 the district approved Resolution 2023-03 pertaining to the MN Dept of Health Lead Service Line Requirements. Now that MDH has finished developing all the details of the grant program, they are requesting that any prior formal actions related to the program be formally retracted.

**Motion (Nessman/Eystad) to approve Resolution 2023-07 rescinding Resolution 2023-03. MCU**

Family and Medical Leave Law and Earned Sick and Safe Time was signed into law and will be effective Jan 1, 2024. The League will be hosting a webinar regarding the new law and how this will affect us.

The board was given an update on the city’s Green Acres Project.

The board review past due accounts and letters will be sent out to accounts requiring it.

**Motion (Husfeldt/Eystad) to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. MCU**

Next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023.

Jennifer Kangas, Pryce Score

Secretary/Treasurer Board Chairman