Farwell Kensington Sanitary District Minutes

March 7, 2024

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

Members Absent: Randy Nessman

Guests: Jennifer Kangas, and Mike Moen

The monthly meeting for the Farwell Kensington Sanitary District was held on March 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room.

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

**Motion (Anderson/Husfeldt) to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2024, meeting. MCU**

**Motion (Eystad/Anderson) to approve the financial report and to pay claims 861 through 875 listed on the claims list. MCU**

Mike Moen- People Service Inc.: Water call out to 18 Tower St. for water in the basement. The water was tested and determined it was city water. The house lines passed a pressure test by a plumber, so we suspected an issue with the curb stop and scheduled an emergency dig. Prior to breaking ground, further investigation into the neighboring house (16 Tower St.) found a broken waterline inside the house which had been unoccupied for several months. The break is suspected to be the result of a frozen water meter. The outpouring of water from the neighboring house infiltrated into the neighboring basement. The curb stop was shut off at 16 Tower St and the flooding stopped. Meisner Electric finished at the water plant. The hole in the piping in the Hwy 55 lift station has gotten worse and needs to be replaced, Mike received a verbal estimate of $2,000.00 to make the necessary repairs. Monthly DMR were submitted to the state. Weekly pond observations and valve exercise were performed. Capped a sewer line in Farwell after a trailer house was removed and the site was marked on diamond maps. Insulated the grinder station cover at the water plant with spray foam to prevent future freezing.

There was a credit adjustment made to Kensington account #450. The mobile home was removed, and the account was changed to no charge; however, when the account went back into the landlord’s name, a charge of $16.82 was charged from the landlords account that should have.

**Motion (Eystad/Anderson) to approve the credit adjustments for $16.82 for Kensington account #450, due to billing error. MCU**

The board reviewed the annual letter of adjustment from People Service, Inc. The 4.4 % adjustment brings a $249.00 monthly increase in our contract payment.

**Motion (Eystad/Husfelt) to approve People Service, Inc. annual letter of adjustment with a 4.4% increase to the contract. MCU**

Jennifer met with MN Rural Water regarding sewer rates. We talk briefly about the possibilities; however, a much longer in-depth conversation will be needed. MN Rural Water will come back and assist us to calculate what the districts cost is to treat each gallon of wastewater and re-evaluate our current sewer rates and how those rates may need to be structured and readjusted.

Past due accounts were reviewed, and letters were sent.

**Motion (Husfeldt/Eystad) to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. MCU**

Next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Jennifer Kangas, Pryce Score

Secretary/Treasurer Board Chairman