Farwell Kensington Sanitary District Minutes

September 7, 2023

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

Members Absent: Karin Anderson

Guests: Jennifer Kangas, and Mike Moen

The monthly meeting for the Farwell Kensington Sanitary District was held on September 7, 2023, at 7:02 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room.

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

**Motion (Husfeldt/Eystad) to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2023, meeting. MCU**

**Motion (Nessman/Eystad) to approve the financial report and to pay claims 798 through 808 listed on the claims list. MCU**

Mike Moen- People Service Inc. MDH was out took samples from the wells. PFAS testing was done. Fiber optic crew hit a curb stop, new cap was put on and everything is working as it should. Weeds have been sprayed at the ponds. Pump #1 at the Hwy 55 lift station is running higher than normal levels, pump was pulled, and the floats were cleaned. Working now but will continue to monitor. The generator shed has been wired to direct hookup inside the shed. We are waiting for the door installation and electrical work. We needed to move some wiring conduits to retrofit the rafters to accommodate for the overhead door so there will be electrical work required to complete the job once the door is installed. Jennifer will contact F2H electric once we are ready.

The board reviewed the thank you correspondence for the Farwell account late fee forgiveness.

The board discussed the frozen water meter for Eric Blehr/Kylee Merewski. Kylee did pay the $345 in cash for the water meter portion of the bill and asked if we would be willing to forgive the late fees that had built up on the account. The late fees totaled 114.20.

**Motion (Eystad/Husfeldt) to approve forgiving the lates fees totaling $114.20 for Kensington Account 513 that accrued on the replacement water meter. MCU**

The board discussed the preliminary levy for taxes payable in 2024 and the preliminary 2024 budget. With the steady rise in costs, the board discussed the need for a potential increase on the water side. Last year’s water levy was $34,500.00. The board discussed an increase of $3,000.00 on the water levy and discussed several scenarios for potential increases to water fees. The board would like to review their options and further discussion will be held at the October meeting regarding the increase of water fees.

**Motion (Nessman/Eystad) to approve the preliminary 2024 tax levy for water in the amount of $37,500.00 and for sewer in the amount of $32,000.00, for a total tax levy of $ 69,500.00. MCU**

**Motion (Husfeldt/Nessman) to approve the preliminary 2024 budget. MCU**

The board discussed the new regulations for ESST time becoming effective on Jan 1, 2024. They reviewed the PLT calculations for the Secretary/Treasurer and discussed splitting the PLT into two categories ESST and Vacation time. We are still waiting for clarification as to how to handle elected official’s time. Jennifer has a meeting on September 21 regarding ESST so hopefully we get some further clarification then. Will discuss again at the October meeting.

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

**Motion (Husfeldt/Nessman) to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. MCU**

Next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023.

Jennifer Kangas, Pryce Score

Secretary/Treasurer Board Chairman