

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of the Landis Sewerage Authority was called to order by Chairman Reuben at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present at roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben were present.

The proper notice was given to all members in accordance with the by-laws.

Chairman Reuben stated that public notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, has been given in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice in the lobby entrance of the Authority.
2. Hand delivering notices to the offices of the Daily Journal and The Press.
3. Filing written notices in the offices of the Authority and City Clerk.

Also present: Dennis W. Palmer	Executive Director
Anthony Tobolski	Field Engineer
Stephen D. Barse	Solicitor
Carol A. Ricci	Executive Assistant

It was moved by Villar and seconded by Barse that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 18, 2020 be dispensed with and the same be approved in the form submitted to all members by mail. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

The Chairman asked if there were any general public comments or comments on the proposed Resolutions. There were none.

Resolutions:

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2020 - 63 “Be it resolved by the Landis Sewerage Authority, that the following bills of items or demands are hereby approved and authorized for payment out of the Revenue Fund Revolving Payroll Account.... \$76,932.72”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Merighi and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2020 - 64, “Be it resolved by the Landis Sewerage Authority, that the following bills of items or demands are hereby approved and authorized for payment out of the Revenue Fund Bills....

\$186,423.68”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Merighi and seconded by Barse that Resolution No. 2020 - 65, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority summarizing allocation activity through the close of Allocation Round 187...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that it continues to be quiet at this time. We moved the administrative staff up for more time. The hauler report set another record this month at almost \$16,000. Our biggest competitor, Delcora was down for a week and we had a number of new trucks that came in for a while.

You have the HomeService commission report. We are noticing that with everyone home we are getting backups from grease and wipes in places we’ve never had it before. Our crews are lighter so I’m not doing as much preventive jetting as we should in cleaning lines.

Joe Reuben asked if the vac truck was fixed? The battery was dead on one and that’s up and running and the other truck had a gear issue and that’s up and running. Perry Barse stated that there were a lot of reports on Twitter about issues and public pronouncements by water and sewerage Authorities about the wipes in the system and how bad it’s been. Dennis stated that it’s countrywide and worldwide. Dennis stated that he was on a national committee for a while and we were part of that story that ran in the Courier Post and also down here. Our pump is clogged. The wipes are a non-woven plastic sheet and they don’t come apart. One company describes that their wipes come apart and it’s just two-ply and it came apart in two pieces. They don’t break apart through an electric pump. The next project that Mott’s working on is grinders for five stations to put them ahead of the pump to chop them in small pieces. The idea is our screens will take them out. It’s a countrywide problem and cooking grease mixes with them and you end up with this clog.

Field Engineer

Anthony Tobolski reported that B & H Construction, Inc. started the rehab project at the Brewster Road Pumping Station. The building has been demolished and they replaced a 12” discharge valve.

Joe Reuben asked if it was an 8” line and Anthony stated it was a 12” line. Dennis stated that this station was an issue for decades. The pumps would rumble and it was not operating on a proper curve which then gives you premature failure. We trimmed the impellers on the pump so they would pump a little less and it helped a little. This is a

total revamp of that station. It's a major station and it handles a lot of flow and it has a back up generator and a back up pump and there are two different force mains it goes into. Most of the major stations have been overhauled and basically, we're doing asset management for the next 25 to 40 years.

Solicitor: No Report

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis Palmer stated that we're doing work on our air conditioning unit. We had a freon leak and it was fairly significant. We have a rental unit and we're going to see if we can rebuild it or else, we're going to have to buy a new one. Mott's working on two projects which are two directional force mains and those five grinders for pumping stations.

Budget/Finance:

Dennis stated that checks are coming in and we have people emailing us about the extensions.

Human Resources:

Dennis stated that he will be sitting with staff. An email was sent to meet on Wednesday regarding the Governor's announcement and what we need to move forward to getting everyone back to full time. We have good sanitizing spray. When people work too close together do we want to wear masks. Should we spray down the union trailer once a day and the break room. This spray is used in hospitals, food processing plants and you spray it on and do not wipe it off. It kills every virus out there.

Public Relations: No Report

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci stated that she had no report because she is still waiting for the numbers from Glatfelter so we will be taking action at the next meeting on the general liability policy or the commercial package.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that we have one project we're working on with the County and its part of Burns Avenue.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

At 6:11 p.m. there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Villar and seconded by Barse that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

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CARLOS VILLAR, Secretary