

THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2021

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
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 3, 2021 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 Barse and seconded by Villar that Resolution No. 2021 – 49 “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.... \$85,635.90”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Barse and seconded by Errickson that Resolution No. 2021 - 50, “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.... \$367,151.55”, be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

It was moved by Errickson and seconded by Merighi that Resolution No. 2021 - 51, “A Resolution of the Landis Sewerage Authority listing payments from the 2016 Bond Issue Construction Fund adopted July 5, 2016...” be adopted. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Reports:

Executive Director

Dennis Palmer reported that the hauler list was outstanding and we had another good month. I also sat in on the new air pollution regulations that DEP is looking to get rid of all small natural gas boilers and go to electric. It's about six times the operational cost. They're looking to ratchet down on a lot of greenhouse climate change issues. Practicality is going to be an issue. Steve and I met on a lease agreement for the new gas facility and hopefully we're close.

Field Engineer No Report

Solicitor:

Stephen Barse stated that we are finishing up our comments on the lease and we will forward them shortly. Also, we had the hearing on Thursday in the auto accident that we spoke about before and the party that received the summons did not appear so they moved it forward to June and we'll go through it again. With COVID they're not doing any bench warrants or dismissals for non-appearance.

Chairman: No Report

Issues and Correspondence: It was moved by Villar and seconded by Barse that the Executive Director be authorized to advertise for bids to supply and install grinders at several pumping stations. Roll call: Barse, Merighi, Villar, Errickson and Reuben voted “yes”.

Committee Reports:

Engineering/Plant:

Dennis reported that the Sheridan vote came in and it came in two over in favor of and I told the City that before you respond, it's been well over a year since the estimate. Now material prices are up, construction costs are up, everything is up. DJ, the City Engineer decided that he doesn't want any sewer pipes in the shoulders which is much cheaper because you don't have to pave. We worked the numbers for the middle of the road

which is probably half-million more. We sent that back to the City to let the residents know, because it's taken so long, the costs have gone up.

We also just received an OPRA request today from one of the residents asking for the records between us and the City of what's gone on for the Sheridan project. Tonight, we also took action on the authorization asking Mott MacDonald to get that bid package together on the grinders.

On the pipeline job here on Mill Road, they have been doing their submittals of the parts and getting their shop drawings approved. It will probably be into June before it actually gets finished. Hopefully HDPE pipe hasn't gone up like PVC pipe.

Dennis also stated that we have a stockpile of chlorine tablets which is another supply that is gone. Our liquid chlorine bleach is not a problem.

Budget/Finance:

Tom Merighi reported that income is \$35,984 or .97% over budget and expenses are \$89,060 or 2.4% under budget. Accounts receivables decreased \$43,531.

Human Resources:

Dennis stated that we completed interviews for the Assistant Superintendent and I appointed someone effective today. We have a vacancy now for a shift manager which requires an S2 license.

You received an email from me on the superintendent and the gentleman we're interested in has been a long-term employee at another authority. They meet on Tuesday night to probably make him a counter offer. I told him to do whatever he's comfortable with, this is your career and we won't get in a bidding war. You have the numbers. We also have two more operators leaving at the end of the year so we're looking for two more guys with mechanical and construction skills. We can teach the wastewater side of the business.

Public Relations:

Dennis stated that we had the women's turkey hunt. Four women got birds and I sent articles off to AEA to the operators and to Joe Smith and he'll pass it on to someone at the paper. We had nine women for two days. It was a mentored hunt and it was the first one they'd done with Fish and Wildlife. It was also done in conjunction with the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Insurance Committee:

Carol Ricci stated that she had nothing on the commercial liability renewal and she was still waiting for numbers. She also reported that we had an incident at the Authority on

Saturday. I was called by Jim Hughes, the shift manager, telling me that one of the haulers that had made multiple drops here that day was back by the headworks emptying the load and hit the headworks bypass pump. He has caused a considerable amount of damage. We going to need a crane to lift the lid. It has been reported to Glatfelters and I'm sure when the claim is paid, they will be going to the contractor for subrogation.

Allocations/Administration:

Dennis stated that the governor has not lifted the restrictions inside so we'll see what happens. We're going to probably wait until June 1st to see if the numbers kick up.

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