

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT MEETING ROGERS ISLAND VISITORS CENTER

August 08, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Carpenter, Matt Traver, Mike Fiorillo, Dan Washburn, James Maskell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Fisher

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Gorman; Executive Director
Joseph Brilling; Deputy Director
Matthew Fuller; Meyer, Fuller & Stockwell
Mike Fiorillo Jr; Village of HF

Mr. Traver called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm. Roll call was taken. Mr. Traver asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of 07/11/23. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Mr. Fiorillo, seconded by Mr. Maskell, all in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Brilling advised the commissioners that the village of Fort Edward is applying for a CDBG Grant for the Prospect St. and Cooper St. project to redo water lines. An application for the grant will not be submitted this year in 2023 but will be submitted next year if the village is amenable to that, and if the time frames work out.

The Sewer District was approached by the IDA regarding a former lot owned by WCSD#1 at the former treatment plant site. Mr. Brilling wanted the commissioners to be aware that there is an individual that would like to buy the lot and the IDA lot that is adjacent to it. The IDA is suggesting \$10,000 per buildable acre. Mr. Fuller stated he will draft a memo on what will be legally required in order to move forward on posting this for sale within 60-90 days.

Mr. Brilling advised the commissioners that the district now has a final agreement with KSPE related to CHPE, who is representing the district and engineering review. In order to get the engineering review paid for there had to be a formal agreement in place, the agreement has been reviewed by Mr. Fuller, signed off on by Mr. Gorman, and sent back to KSPE.

An update on Irving Tissue was next discussed. Mr. Brilling stated that the district is receiving invoices from Sean Doty at KSPE for the engineering review and that these invoices should be paid for by Irving Tissue, however there is no formal agreement in place with Irving for this. It has been decided that the district will pay KSPE, and then request reimbursement from Irving for the

engineering review. Mr. Fuller will draft a letter requesting reimbursement.

A \$975,000 WIIA Grant was received for FE1A, and Mr. Brillling has been in contact with the county treasurer regarding this after finding out the EFC wanted to close the SRF financing for this grant. This award is grant only, not grant and financing. The WIIA Grant is only payable after construction is completed. Since the project is not completed at this time the district will need to decide whether to file for an extension or re-apply for the grant. Both options were further discussed.

Mr. Brillling provided an update on the WWTP capital construction project. The old bar screen has been removed and the new bar screen and wiring will be going in this week. The first digester tank is cleaned out and new mixing and piping are being completed. Next week the concrete will be sounded and the brick on the second digester will be coming off. The plant water wet well should be online around the 24th. The Cogen, boiler and heat exchanger will be worked on during the winter months.

An update was provided on the Sewer Use Ordinance which is complete and has been approved. Mr. Brillling discussed that the homeowner is now responsible from the sewer main to the home. If a lateral needs replacement or a connection is needed, the cost for the homeowner needs to be formalized and further discussion is needed on how to enforce these changes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, made by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Maskell, all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leah Whaley