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NOTICE OF MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

TITLE OF GROUP MEETING:

LAKELAND SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1

PLACE:

LAKELAND SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1 OFFICE
8780 MORGAN RD.
MINOCQUA, WI 54548

DATE:

DECEMBER 13, 2022

PURPOSE:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TIME:

4:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
2. APPROVAL OF 12-13-22 AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF 11-29-22 MEETING MINUTES
4. RECEIVE AND INCORPORATE COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC HEARING INTO FACILITY PLAN
5. PROPOSAL AND APPROVAL OF SEWER RATE INCREASES
6. SIGN CHECKS/PAY BILLS
7. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

TIME OF POSTING:

DECEMBER 9, 2022

NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON
DIRECTING THAT THIS NOTICE
BE POSTED:

TOM WIPPERFURTH
PRESIDENT

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REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2022

Present: R. LaPlante, T. Wipperfurth, M. Killian

Absent:

Others: W. Peters, J. Benson, Bill Kuchler Sr (Richardson Septic), Kyle Howard (Arbor Vitae Septic) and Pat Morrow, MSA Professional

The meeting was called to order by President T. Wipperfurth on December 13, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. All public notices have been posted to meet with the open meeting law and the building is accessible for the handicapped.

Approval of Agenda 12-13-22: R. LaPlante made a motion to approve 12-13-22 agenda. T. Wipperfurth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes 11-29-22 Meeting: R. LaPlante made a motion to approve the minutes for the 11-29-22 meeting; T. Wipperfurth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4: Receive and Incorporate Comments from Public Hearing into Facility Plan: B. Kuchler stated to the board that he is all in favor for the Lakeland Sanitary to go forward with the facility upgrade. He stated that not only does that help residents within the District but it will also help residents outside the District and the septic pumpers that service their homes. Septic pumpers need to be able to bring septage to the WWTP, especially in the winter months. K. Howard stated that the WI DNR has made so many limitations on septic haulers and cut back drastically on their ability to spread on fields. This really limits the haulers and makes the plant necessary for them to continue business and provide the necessary service to home owners to dispose of wastewater properly. B. Kuchler stated that UW – Stevens Point conducted a study on soils/ agriculture in regards to septage being spread on fields. He is still waiting to hear back on their overall findings and data from the study. He is hoping to have the information mid-January 2023. P. Morrow stated that he would like him to share the study with him once he receives it. M. Killian made a motion to approve the submittal of the facility upgrade plan to the WI DNR, pending W. Peter's review of the application. R. LaPlante seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: Proposal and Approval of Sewer Rate Increases: M. Killian asked why is there such a difference in percentage increase between the meter sizes as our rates are right now? J. Benson explained how she found the percentage increase from one meter size to the next larger one. These rates were set before she was hired here so really have no explanation on how/ why the rates were set this way. W. Peters decided to use the Federal's Cost Of Living percentage of 8.75% to increase our sewer rates. Since we bill quarterly the set sewer rate percentage increase will be 26.1%. The sewer rate for consumption will increase 8.7% per thousand gallons used, currently the rate is \$6.19/ 1,000 gallons and will increase to \$6.73/1,000 gallons. W. Peters explained the calculations and the projected revenue increases to the board and stated that an increase of \$300,000 per year will help cover the cost of the 20 year loan for the facility upgrades. Currently Lakeland Sanitary District has about \$3 million saved across several funds, W. Peters stated he would be comfortable with using about half of that to begin with the upgrade project. Also the District will still have the regular revenue to put towards the loan payment. Since the area's population is growing every

year there will be an increase in consumption as well. After the upgrades the plant will be using less chemicals to treat the wastewater which will also be a cost saving.

B. Kuchler asked about rate increases for septic and holding tank waste and vault waste. W. Peters stated that the septic and holding tank rate will increase from \$65/ 1,000 gallons to \$95/ 1,000 gallons and vault waste will increase from \$117/ 1,000 gallons to \$171/ 1,000 gallons. W. Peters explained that vault is not something that the plant accepts very much of. Since the contents of vault are very thick and high in chemicals and sludge the plant can only add small amounts of it at a certain time in order to make sure everything runs smoothly. There was a brief discussion about the difference between septage, holding tank and vault and how the District charges for each.

M. Killian made a motion to approve the sewer rate increases as proposed to take effect January 1, 2023. R. LaPlante seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item #6: Sign checks/ Pay Bills

Agenda Item #7: Informational/Correspondence: There was a small discussion about the tax levy and the possibilities of increasing that for all residents of Arbor Vitae, Woodruff, and Minocqua to help with the costs of the upgrade. The next board meeting will be held January 10, 2022. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 P.M., on a motion by M. Killian, seconded by R. LaPlante.

Clerk:

Rick A. LaPlante