

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES: April 12, 2018**  
**CLEAR LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT, CERRO GORDO COUNTY, IOWA**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Nicklaus at 1:30 p.m. Nicklaus indicated to those present that the meeting was being tape recorded for meeting minute generation purposes only.

Trustees present: Steve Nicklaus (President)  
Lothar Meyer (Treasurer)  
Bobby Wolfram, Jr. (Clerk)  
Gary Hugi

Absent: Tony Nelson

Also present: Kevin Moler, Administrator/Superintendent  
Taylor Moore, Accountant  
Tom Madden, SEH Engineering  
Chris Wolfram, SEH Engineering (via phone)  
Rory Sudbeck, Tnemec (via phone)  
Rick Mongan, Mongan Painting Co.  
Ron Mongan, Mongan Painting Co.

Item # 1. Opportunity for public to speak on items not on the agenda.  
No public to speak on items not on the agenda.

Item # 2. Wastewater Treatment Facility Process Tank Rehabilitation Project. Rory recapped the test results from the samples of the coating chips taken in March. Rory stated that he took samples from a few different spots in the tank and that the test results from these samples indicated that the coating was catalyzed and applied properly. However, there was concrete found on the back of the samples, which may indicate a weak layer of concrete on the surface of the tank. Ron Mongan stated that when sandblasting the tank they saw no indication of concrete weakness. Rory said that he believes the issues are either moisture or weak concrete. Chris Wolfram, who was present during the initial sampling, witnessed spider cracking in another area, and when he slid a knife into the crack the coating popped off easily. Rory recommended an RH (relative humidity) test to test for moisture. Concrete core samples were also recommended, by Moler, to test the concrete strength. Rory was directed to line up the RH test for Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and Chris will be in attendance as well. Madden would set up the concrete coring to happen on or before April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Moler asked if there was a way to coat from the top of the wall down to about eight feet from the floor of the tank and get a good seal. Moler stated this is the wall area exposed during the normal raising and lowering of the tank level during a treatment cycle. Rory said Rick can do a soft cut around the tank to create a seal. Moler said he's not concerned with the with the bottom eight feet as the tank level rarely dips below ten feet and the part of the tank that's under water isn't the issue. Moler said the freeze and thaw level of the tank that is the biggest concern as that's where all the degradation of the tank is. Madden recommended moving forward with the RH test and the coring for April 19<sup>th</sup>, and then, depending on the outcome, move forward with Moler's recommendation regarding recoating the tank, minus the bottom eight feet.

Chris noted a white film between the layers of the coating in the sample he took. Chris said he believes it is efflorescence. Rory was unfamiliar with what Chris was referring to and will have the Tnemec rep take another sample and look for this when they come down to do the RH test on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Item # 3. Voluntary Annexation Petitions.

- Resolution 18-06, a Resolution approving the annexation of Parcel numbers: 06-08-176-005-00 & 06-08-176-006-00. Motion by Hugi, second by Meyer to approve Resolution 18-06, a Resolution approving the annexation of Parcel numbers: 06-08-176-005-00 & 06-08-176-006-00. President Nicklaus called roll with the following results: Meyer, 'aye'; Nicklaus, 'aye'; Hugi, 'aye'; and Wolfram 'aye'. Motion carried.
- Resolution 18-07, a Resolution approving the annexation of Parcel number: 06-08-200-018-00. Moler stated that Cerro Gordo County was in the process of getting this signed. Hugi expressed his disinterest in annexing this parcel into the District. Tabled until the next meeting.

Item # 4. Certificates of Deposit Investments, Rate Change. Moler stated that the current bump at Farmers State Bank on two of the District's CDs would be 1.55%. Board discussed and decided not to bump the CD rates at this time. No action taken.

Item # 5. Unfinished Business. No unfinished business to be discussed.

Item # 6. Superintendent's Report. Moler brought McLaughlin in to report on the televising currently being done, looking for grease in some of the sewer lines in the City. McLaughlin said they've discovered grease in each of the two locations they've inspected so far, namely large, fresh amounts of grease at one location, sewer account # 015625-000 and grease deposited on the inside of the pipe downstream of the second location, sewer account # 009719-000. McLaughlin is working with Joe Weigel from the City of Clear Lake on the televising. Moler also covered the education grease brochure that he put together. Moler spoke with the County Board of Health to see if he could accompany them to their annual inspections to inspect the grease situation and hand out the educational brochure's. Moler has done a couple inspections already and more are scheduled for the near future. Moler said Mike Ritter, Clear Lake Building Inspector is accompanying Moler during the inspections. Hugi recommended mailing out the Best Management Practices information ahead of the inspections to the restaurants in the area, as well as getting ahold of Jan Lovell in regards to getting a table at the upcoming Earth Day event at the Surf Ballroom to hand out the grease brochures.

Item # 7. Attorney's Report. No report.

Item # 8. Trustees Report. Board requested to have the regular board meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> moved to the 24<sup>th</sup> in case the workshop goes long on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the SBR Tank Rehabilitation issue the Board wants a cutoff date of May 1<sup>st</sup> for answers from Tnemec, Mongan and SEH before getting the attorney's involved, as the District and the Trustees need this tank in service as soon as possible. Nicklaus also discussed doing an evaluation on Moler at the next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Hugi, second by Meyer to adjourn. Motion carried, all Trustees present voting 'aye'. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Bobby Wolfram, Jr., Clerk