

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD  
MEMBERS OF  
LAKE WASHINGTON SANITARY DISTRICT  
April 25, 2005**

**1. Call to Order**

Larry Maruska called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2005, at the Lake Washington County Park Community Building, 47102 Washington Park Road, Kasota, MN 56050.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Robert Bieraugel, Jerry Kallheim, Art Zuhlsdorf, and Larry Maruska.  
Absent: Ed Fahrforth.

**3. Review and approval of agenda**

*Resolution 05.46:* Jerry Kallheim moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Art Zuhlsdorf. Motion passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained and 1 absent.

**4. Review and Approval of the Minutes**

**April 11, 2005 Regular Meeting**

*Resolution 05.47:* Jerry Kallheim moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2005 Regular meeting. Seconded by Art Zuhlsdorf. Motion passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained and 1 absent.

Ed Fahrforth joined the meeting 7:03

**5. Officers Reports**

**a. Chairperson – Larry Maruska**

- No Report.

**b. Vice Chairperson – Jerry Kallheim**

- Ed Fahrforth and Jerry Kallheim met with George from the City of Mankato to discuss obtaining extra connections. If Mankato gets some sort of development north of the airport, they would like to be able to work out some sort of a deal that they could hook up to our line.

**c. Treasurer – Art Zuhlsdorf**

- Art Zuhlsdorf Reported the beginning balance of the checking account as of April 25, 2005 is \$18041.62.
- Received an invoice from GM Contracting in the amount of \$344607.10. This was approved at April 11, 2005 meeting.
- Received an invoice from James Deike in the amount of \$410.47.
- Received an invoice from Beth Pooley in the amount of \$81.20.
- Bills totaling \$345098.77.

*Resolution 05.48:* Art Zuhlsdorf moved to approve payment of the bills received from James Deike and Beth Pooley; and approve payment of the GM Contracting bill upon receipt of funds from PFA. Seconded by Rob Bieraugel. Motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained and 0 absent.

- Balance of the checking account after payment of the bills is \$17549.95.

**d. Acting Secretary – Beth Pooley**

- Received from MN Dept of Natural Resources a permit application to authorize the use of portable toilets at the Department of Natural Resources Public Water Assess Sites on Lake Washington, LeSueur Co. The three portable toilets are provided from fishing opener through Labor Day.

*Resolution 05.48:* Jerry Kallheim moved to approve the application. Rob Bieraugel seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained and 0 absent.

- Received from US Bank National Association a pledged collateral statement for 3/31/05 in the dollar amount of \$1,027,466.95.

**6. Open Forum for Constituents**

- None

**7. Old Business**

**a. Construction Progress**

Beth Pooley handed out Del Vulcan's Progress Report for April 25, 2005:

Project Construction Progress:

1. Washington Blvd. 90% of main connections made in road and lateral lines to grinder stations.

- a. 50 % of collection pipe has passed pressure test.
2. Laura Lane: All grinder stations are dug into place.
3. Bakers Bay: Main collection pipe was bored in along the road.
4. Gingerale Trail: 2 delayed connections were made using gate valves.
5. Linder Bay: installed service pipe from house to collection pipe at 4 properties. Water table was 2' below ground level so soil was very wet. Area will be regraded after the top soil dries out.
6. DaMar Estates: 50% of grinder stations were dug into place.

Construction Schedule for next 2-3 weeks:

1. Washington Blvd. Finish lateral pipe connections to main and start connecting to houses.
  - a. Pump start-up depends on Lift Station #1 start-up.
2. Sioux Lane. Start making lateral connections to main collection pipe..
3. Bakers Bay Road. Bore in lateral pipe from road to houses..
4. DaMar Estates. Finish drilling in grinder stations.
5. Connors Road. Start drilling in grinder stations.

Construction issues:

1. Lift Station #1. The pump control panel does not have enough room for the automatic transfer switch to be installed inside it. GM, Quality Control, and Jon are working the issue. This will cause a delay in the start-up of the lift station.
2. Linder Bay collection system. On 4-18 & 19, 2005 the alarm on the existing lift station was activated. I investigated the situation and found ground water was running into the collection system causing too much water running into the LS for the pumps to handle. This is a typical problem when ground water is allowed into the collection system. It appears there are two reasons for this ground water entering into the collection system. One, some of the houses might have basement sump pumps discharging into the sewer pipe. Two, the manholes are not water tight on the top riser rings and water is coming into them around the riser rings. I also noticed the manholes covers on the East end of the system were quite low and during the heavy rains, the water could have overflowed the covers and flooded the manholes. On 4-19-2005 at 10:30 am when I looked into the manholes they were half full of water to include the main Lift Station Manhole. This situation must be corrected before the sewer district connects the existing collection system to the new main collection pipe.
3. Dirt piles in home owners yards. Due to the wet soil conditions, the equipment hauling out the excess dirt from the grinder stations is causing allot of damage to lawns. I gave permission to GM to leave the dirt in the lawns until it is used to fill the septic tanks only on those properties the home owner gives them permission to do so. GM contracting is responsible to take erosion control measures for dirt piles close to the lake shore.
4. Mick Montag from Squirrels Nest Road called and reported damage to his drive way caused by the crew digging in the grinder stations. The GM project coordinator is looking into his options to correct the damages.
5. Washington Park Association Sewer System. On 4-14-2005 representatives from the association and I met with Terry Ross from the local MPCA office and discussed procedures to abandon the existing system.

**b. Billing**

- Chuck Pettipiece submitted a bid proposal and spoke about his proposal for the billing system.
- Linda Groskreutz submitted a bid proposal and spoke about her proposal for the billing system.

Prior to this resolution Larry Maruska recused himself and appointed Jerry Kallheim as the head chair.

*Resolution 05.49:* Ed Fahrforth made a motion that the Board awards Chuck Pettipiece the contract for the billing system, provided that Chuck Pettipiece lowers his cost to 2.65 per bill. If Chuck Pettipiece is unable to lower his bid, the bid will be awarded to Linda Groskreutz. The Board's rationale on awarding a bid to a higher bidder is that the Board feels more comfortable going with a larger company than an individual. Seconded by Rob Bieraugel. Motion passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained and 0 absent.

Larry Maruska takes over as the head chair.

*Resolution 05.50:* Rob Bieraugel made the motion that the Board accepts Chuck Pettipiece's bid proposal task one which is integrating the billing system with the data, based on Chuck getting the billing system his bid would not exceed \$5097.00, if Chuck does not get the billing system, the price could be \$5100.00 to \$6800.00. Seconded by Art Zuhlsdorf. Motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained and 0 absent.

**c. Negotiations with the City of Mankato to amend the Interconnection Agreement**

- See Vice Chairman's report.

**d. Review Calendar of Events**

- Calendar was reviewed with no changes made.

**e. Other**

- No Other Old Business.

**8. New Business**

**a. Consider Resolution for Amending the By-Laws**

- Table until May 2, 2005.

**b. Other**

- No other New Business.

**9. Discuss Agenda for May 2, 2005 Workshop meeting**

- The agenda will be set this week.

**10. Adjournment**

Art Zuhlsdorf moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Beth Pooley

Beth Pooley

Acting Secretary of the Lake Washington Sanitary District