

GREEN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Green Lake Sanitary District was called to order by Commissioner Bates on Saturday October 5, 2024, at 8:00 am at the American Legion Post #306 518 Water St Green Lake WI 54941 and via Zoom

Present: Ken Bates, Justin Ellis, and Nick Vandervelde.

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant, Thad Majkowski and Matt Dorow representative for Cedar Corp and Vanessa Wishart representative for Stafford Rosenbaum. 15 people signed in.

Written notice of this meeting was given to the Green Lake Reporter, The Ripon Commonwealth. The News Release was posted at Fortifi Bank, the Green Lake Post Office and the GLSD Office and the GLSD website.

CALL TO ORDER

A. Public Information Meeting Potential Future Sewer Extension in Area 9 (The Hickories)

Thad Majkowski, Lisa Reas and Vanessa Wishart gave a power point presentation regarding the Potential Future Sewer Extension in Area 9 (The Hickories) (see attached). The presentation will be on our website also.

Jim Goodfellow

Asked what the cost of the lateral installation that the homeowner is responsible for. Several people asked this question.

David Diamond

A resident asked if the Hickory Rd Association would like the entire road replaced, can there be shared expense for replacement.

Andy Fleming

Asked what the special assessments are based on and what the motivation for this sewer project is.

He also asked why the age of the septic systems makes a difference (also asked by another resident).

He asked if there are any state or federal grants available for these projects and what is the difficulty in extending the connection period would be for the District.

Bernie Westfahl

Asked Thad to explain why the marking lath that Cedar will be placing will be 300 to 500 feet apart.

Robert Watson

Feels that the sewer plant was way over built when originally built and asked how many people requested to be sewerred from Area 9. He also asked why Camelot Trace is included in this project as it is not on the lakeshore itself.

Jack Miller

Asked if 2 homes can share a lateral?

Ellen Wilde

Commented that the wrong City for the meeting was published in the paper and that she drove to Princeton.

David Carter

Understands that the special assessment cost can be financed through the GLSD however the private lateral cannot be financed. Asked that the GLSD provide a connection period longer than one year.

Ed Steffen

Asked how many lots are in the project and requested that the GLSD extend the connection period.

District and Cedar staff explained that the cost of lateral installation depends on the location of the property, length of the lateral, and size of the home. Homeowners should reach out to a plumber or excavating contractor to get an idea of where they should put their lateral and grinder pump and get an estimate of the cost. District staff will not provide estimates for lateral costs. The District will provide a list of contractors available in the area. Residents are not recommended to share laterals; a better option is for contractors to place the 2 separate laterals on the lot line in the same construction trench or directional bore pull.

District and Cedar staff explained that properties would be marked with stakes every 300-500 feet apart but additional flags would be put on brush to help show the route. If blacktop on roads was damaged, it would be repaired. If the Hickory Rd portion of the sewer damaged the road, the project would replace/repair it. However, it may be more cost effective to keep the sewer line off the road and closer to the homes.

The special assessments are based on a per parcel basis as small parcels can discharge more wastewater than large parcels and the GLSD is not looking to promote lot subdivision or development by penalizing larger parcels with higher costs. Staff explained the project was spurred by increasing development around the lake, age of septic systems, concerns about septic plumes and localized impacts, among other issues. Septic system ages were discussed, and points made about age vs. use and expected lifespan based on use. While there is no perfect time to do a sewer project, it makes the most sense to do it when systems in an area are generally older. District staff pointed out that use of the properties has changed due to short-term rentals and the size of the homes increasing. The District pointed out that beyond septic ages and impacts from short-term rentals, providing sewer service is what the District was formed to do.

Project costs and funding were discussed with staff explaining that grants from the state and federal government were researched with all potential sources basing funding on economic need of the residents. Properties within the GLSD do not qualify for need-based funding.

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 9:57 am

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Vandervelde

Approved 10/15/2024

Secretary of the Commission

Prepared by Paulette Z Janssen,
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October 5, 2024, minutes