

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

April 3, 2025

The Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Jones at 5:04 pm

In attendance: Leo Naumann, Dan Bergsten, Adam DeMeyer

Wastewater Operator In Charge: Josh Pearson

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2025 meeting. Motion passed without negative vote.

PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann to approve paying the March 2025 bills. Motion passed without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was presented to the Sewer Commission for review.

OPERATOR'S REPORT: Josh Pearson has fixed and installed the new sampler. He has also installed Diamond Maps. The App shows all of the manholes. Due to all of the snow melting this time of year, the BODs have higher readings. There will be some violations from the DNR for these high numbers. Josh Pearson is checking into getting the maintenance completed for the lift stations. He received a quote from Wiikwaibaan Inni, Inc. After a discussion, it was decided to go ahead and hire them to perform the yearly maintenance. Dave Sigfrieds will clean out the lift stations. There was a discussion regarding getting a small compressor to keep at the sewer pond. It was approved to purchase one, not to exceed \$200.00. Aidan Paquette, the new operator in training, is doing well. There are frozen lines on Elm Road. Randy Jones, Josh Pearson, and Paul Abrahamzon worked on thawing them out. The Poplar Wastewater Treatment Plant was presented the 2025 Conservation Award. The award was presented by the Wisconsin Rural Water Association – WRWA.

CLERK'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The new permit should be reissued by January 2026. A phosphorus variance will be included. A disinfection could be mandated by 2028. The public hearing depends on the permit status.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was clarification needed for billing for the testing done at the school. After a discussion, a motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Randy Jones to bill the Northwestern school district \$325 / month. Motion carried without negative vote.
- There was a discussion on how Aidan Paquette will keep track of his hours. Aidan will email his time card to Josh Pearson and the Sewer Commission. He will be paid monthly.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Permit Status Update
- Manhole repair update
- Public Hearing Update
- Letter to Sewer Customers – Randy Jones last day is May 6, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Adam DeMeyer, to adjourn at 5:42 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date:
