

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
March 3, 2026

The Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Jones at 6:00 pm.

In attendance: Leo Naumann, Dan Bergsten

Operator in Charge (OIC): Josh Pearson

Operator: Aaron Lenmark

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

Absent: Adam DeMeyer

SPEAKERS: Ty Botten, AG O'Brien Heating & Plumbing was present. He has agreed to perform the repairs and maintenance on the grinder pumps that are owned by individual sewer customers.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2026 meeting. Motion passed without negative vote.

PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann to approve paying February 2026 bills. Motion passed without negative vote.

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

OPERATOR'S REPORT: Aaron Lenmark's first official day as Wastewater Operator is March 3, 2026. An email was received from Pat Morrow regarding renewing the WPDES permit. The permit will not be reissued until May 2027. The Sewer Wastewater Operation will be operating under the existing permit until then. A battery powered backup is needed at the sewer pond. There is a screen that needs maintenance.

CLERK'S REPORT: Jacob Novitch from MSA contacted me regarding filling out the funding request for the Section 154 Program. The funding is available through Tammy Baldwin's office. Jacob Novitch will help fill out the application which is due March 22, 2026.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Josh Pearson, Operator in Charge, prepared the Annual Phosphorus Minimization Plan (PMP) report for 2025 – 2026. A motion was made by Leo Naumann, second Dan Bergsten to approve the report. Motion passed without negative report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Discuss charging the school an increase in rates due to increasing the phosphorus input into the system.
- Discuss the village taking over ownership of the grinder pumps from the sewer customers.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Leo Naumann, to adjourn at 6:17 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date:
