

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING**  
**April 9, 2026**

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

In attendance: Leo Naumann, Dan Bergsten, Adam DeMeyer

Operator in Charge (OIC): Josh Pearson

Operator: Aaron Lenmark

Clerk: Gina Ormond

Treasurer: Wendy Lauenstein

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve the minutes from March 3, 2026. Motion passed without negative vote.

**PAY BILLS:** A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to approve paying the March 2026 bills. Motion passed without negative vote.

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

**SPEAKERS:** A motion was made by Adam DeMeyer, second Dan Bergsten to approve the sewer connection for Steve and Kris Westerlund at 5465 S Presley Drive. Motion passed without negative vote.

**OPERATOR'S REPORT:** Josh Pearson gave an update on the Village of Poplar WPDES renewal. The permit was not going to be ready until 2027, but it will be approved before then. Josh Pearson is working on behalf of the village, along with MSA, to make sure the permit isn't unfairly stringent toward the village. Josh Pearson contacted MSA with a few concerns regarding the new permit requirements. A few areas of concerns are the phosphorus levels going from 7.0 mg/L to 6.1 mg/L, the testing costs will increase due to testing the PFAS samples, the addition of seasonal disinfection due to E. coli limits to name a few. The elementary pump went down due to underwear being flushed. The spring preventative maintenance service has been scheduled. A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer to charge the Maple School District \$40/pound to remove the phosphorus from the school effluent when they go over the 5.0 mg/l of phosphorus found in the general wastewater. Motion passed without negative vote.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Wendy Lauenstein was able to finally have the credit card that was in Randy Jones' name changed to the Village of Poplar. A gas card was ordered for the Wastewater Operations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was a discussion regarding the Village of Poplar taking over ownership of the privately owned grinder pumps on the sewer system. A letter will be mailed out to the customers that have these pumps explaining the fees for inspection, additional monthly fee to maintain the service through the village, and service for repairs or maintenance will be provided through A G O'Brien Heating and Plumbing. If a person chooses not to have the Village take responsibility of the grinder pump, the responsibility of replacing and maintaining the grinder pumps will fall on the responsibility of the homeowner. A motion was made by Adam DeMeyer, second Dan Bergsten to move ahead with the changes pertaining to the Village taking over the grinder pumps. Motion passed without negative vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Adam DeMeyer, to adjourn at 6:41 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Leo Naumann, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk

Date:

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