

Ash Creek SSD

Board Meeting

February 23, 2023

Present: Kelly Wilson, Justin Sip, Joey Campbell, Richard Hirschi, David Hirschi, and Nanette Billings

Staff: Fay Reber, Mike Chandler, and Darrel Humphries.

Audience: None

Prayer and Pledge: Nanette Billing

Public comments: none

The minutes from the January 26, 2023, meeting were discussed.

**Motion** by Joey Campbell to approve the January 26, 2023, minutes as written. Second by Justin Sip. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fay talked about the possibility of the district using the clause of pollution control as a way to purchase materials for the treatment plant while the contractor was building it. The law says the district can purchase the materials without paying taxes only if the district is doing the work of installing the materials. There is an exemption for pollution control materials. The statute says this material has to be for facilities that are treating existing industrial waste. Fay didn't feel like the district met requirements to be exempt from taxes. Mike estimated it will be about \$750,000.00 in taxes.

Mike talked about the pipeline around Quail Lake. The district has looked at the existing line and feels like the project can be much smaller than the original cost estimate. Mike feels like it will be closer to \$300,000 instead of the original estimate of three million dollars. The district will need to do some contamination prevention where the line comes within 10 feet of the water line.

Mike requested approval of an engineering agreement with Horrocks Engineering to work with UDOT to obtain new property for the Harrisburg pump station. If we can work out the property, the district would be able to build a new pump station with a shallower wet well and less maintenance. The estimate for the engineering is \$11,300.00 to put together the package for UDOT. The pump station would serve Harrisburg and any future developments from Leeds.

**Motion** by Nanette Billings to approve the \$11,300.00 for the engineering agreement. Second by Justin Sip. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mike talked about the division of water quality's municipal wastewater planning program. The board looked at the report.

**Motion** by Richard Hirschi to approve the report. Second by David Hirschi. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mike talked about meeting with Leeds about growth in the town that would like to drain to the district. Current residents are concerned about having to pay impact and monthly fees. If a PID was done for the developers, they would like to have the capacity of the sewer line reserved for their projects and not allow the current residents to connect. Mike suggested that the town pay

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the difference between the 10-inch line being proposed and a 12-inch sewer line. He thought the price difference in the two was small and the town would be ahead to participate with the developers. He also encouraged them to look at their zoning because people will want to connect once the septic densities are no longer an issue. The board talked about getting sewer to the small communities and how to work with the existing residents and growth. Mike didn't have a time estimate for the Leeds area. He thought until they had construction plans, it would be happening quickly.

Mike talked about some of the smaller fees the district is charging. When it was only collecting impact fees, there was not a need to accept credit cards. With the introduction of plan review and re-inspection fees, there have been a number of requests to use credit cards. The staff has had questions on how to absorb the transaction fees. There was some concern about people wanting to use cards for impact fees. The Board said to charge whatever the transaction fee was for each time the credit card is used.

Mike talked about pressure coming from the legislature on water usage in golf courses and agriculture uses.

Motion to adjourn at 6:55