Minutes of the Greene County Regional Sewer District Board of Directors February 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greene County Regional Sewer District was held at 8:30 a.m. on February 15, 2024, in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse. Present in person were Louis Massette, Tim Turpen, Michael Turner, and Scott Oliphant. Absent was Allen Toon. Also present in person were Matt Miller, BFU, Inc., representative Jeff Farmer, Randy Baker, and Commissioner Rick Graves.

The meeting was opened by a pledge to the flag. Louis Massette called the meeting to order.

The first item of business was review and approval of the minutes from the January 18, 2024, meeting. Michael Turner moved, and Scott Oliphant seconded, to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Matt Miller submitted the Operating Fund Financial Report with yearly and month-to-month comparisons and claims docket incorporated herein by reference. The cash balance as of January 31, 2024, was \$96,342.14. Matt Miller noted the expenditure of \$2,844.00 for contractual services is the annual fee to OmniSite for system monitoring. Looking at the year-to-date comparisons, the cash balance continues to increase. Michael Turner moved, and Tim Turpen seconded, to approve the Financial Report and claims docket. The motion passed 4-0.

Jeff Farmer provided BFU's Operations Report as follows:

- 1. Last weekend, Scotland Road lift station had a pump fail. The pump was sent to the shop and BFU is waiting for repair pricing.
- 2. Currently, there is one spare pump each for the Scotland Road lift station and the WestGate lift station. There are two spare pumps at the BIC lift station. Jeff prefers to have two spare pumps for each lift station.
- 3. At a prior meeting, the board discussed switching from grinder pumps to cutter pumps as pumps need replaced. Jeff circulated a quote for two Tsurumi 10 hp cutter pumps which includes pricing for a new control panel, pumper truck, and labor, for a total of \$30,400.00. The control panel may not be needed. To change the pumps, the base, brackets, and guide rails need replaced which are also included in the quote.
- 4. Jeff recommends the board purchase the two new pumps in the quote for the WestGate lift station and use the current WestGate pump as a second back-up for the Scotland Road lift station and eliminate all grinder pumps as they wear out.

Mike Turner moved, and Scott Oliphant seconded, to approve the quote as presented and authorize BFU to purchase the Tsurumi 10hp pumps. The motion passed 4-0.

The next item of business was continued discussion regarding commercial and industrial availability fees and service rates. Lou Massette noted Marvin Abshire is working on amendments. Rick Graves noted that Jim Higgins is also working with Marvin on the amendments.

Next, was consideration of a mowing proposal submitted by Big Bear Ridge, LLC, Randy Baker, member dated February 9, 2024. After review, Scott Oliphant moved, and Tim Turpen seconded, to approve the mowing proposal and the contract prepared by Marvin Abshire. The motion passed 4-0.

In other business, Lou Massette noted that it looks like the chip manufacturing plant is moving forward at WestGate. In the past few weeks, there have been many meetings and discussions. Both Strongbox and Structure Point are two engineering firms involved in the growth at WestGate. Both companies have proposals on the construction of a new sewer plant to accommodate the anticipated growth. The first phase of the growth is the construction of WestGate One housing the chip manufacturing facility. It is hoped that the new sewer plant can accommodate all new construction for the chip manufacturing facility, Westcott housing, Crane Village, and future developments.

Speaking on behalf of the Commissioners, Rick Graves noted the need for a new wastewater treatment plant at WestGate. The Commissioners believe the new plant should be on the 38 acres in Daviess County owned by Greene County. Eventually, the property will be conveyed to the Regional Sewer District as the owners of the property. The Commissioners believe a 400,000 gallon a day plant is needed. The anticipated budget for the new plant is estimated to be \$13.5M to \$14M. The Commissioners are in the process of drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Daviess County and Martin County to determine size, ownership, debt, payment, flow, etc. involving construction of the new plant. Rick Graves noted that the Regional Sewer District will not take on debt and current customers will not see significant increases, but the new customer base will pay more. Greene County is proposing 80% of receipts will stay with the Regional Sewer District and 20% will go to debt service. After a lengthy discussion, Rick Graves noted there are a lot of moving parts and the MOU terms have not yet been agreed upon.

Randy Baker noted there will be a need for additional funding to the fire departments to support the growth in the WestGate area.

There being no further business, Tim Turpen moved, and Scott Oliphant seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2024.

Timothy Turpen Secretary

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Operating Fund Financial Report January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024

	January		
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 89,929.39		
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Receipts			
Sewer Collections	14,316.60		
Total Receipts	14,316.60		
Expenses			
Utilities	1,355.00		
Contractual Services	5,662.05		
Locates	149.50		
Materials and Supplies	33.30		
Advance Repayment-GCRC	704.00		
Total Expenses	7,903.85		
Excess(Deficit) of Receipts Over Expenses	6,412.75		
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 96,342.14		
Additional Information:			
Cash Balance as of February 13, 2024	\$ 87,746.33		
Unpaid Claims as of February 13, 2024	\$ -		

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Operating Fund Financial Report Year-to-Date Thru January 31, 2019-2024

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	<u>2024</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 26,649.73	\$ 13,524.92	\$ 15,424.83	\$ 56,068.46	\$ 78,033.53	\$ 89,929.39
Receipts						
Sewer Collections	8,281.00	14,656.50	9,069.60	5,458.50	6,397.40	14,316.60
Total Receipts	8,281.00	14,656.50	9,069.60	5,458.50	6,397.40	14,316.60
Expenses						
Utilities	1,797.85	149.70	1,542.85	1,406.02	1,491.02	1,355.00
Contractual Services	3,818.75	4,155.50	4,563.03	2,423.82	2,844.00	5,662.05
Repairs and Maintenance	2,848.00	4,264.15	-	-	-	-
Locates	-	-	-	-	-	149.50
Materials and Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	33.30
Advance Repayment-GCRC	704.00	704.00	704.00	704.00	704.00	704.00
Collection Expense (Town of Bloomfield)	-	2,400.00	1,716.00			-
Total Expenses	9,168.60	11,673.35	8,525.88	4,533.84	5,039.02	7,903.85
Excess(Deficit) of Receipts Over Expenses	(887.60)	2,983.15	543.72	924.66	1,358.38	6,412.75
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 25,762.13	\$ 16,508.07	\$ 15,968.55	\$ 56,993.12	\$ 79,391.91	\$ 96,342.14