Minutes of the Greene County Regional Sewer District Board of Directors March 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greene County Regional Sewer District was held at 8:30 a.m. on March 21, 2024, in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse. Present in person were Louis Massette, Tim Turpen, Michael Turner, Allen Toon, and Scott Oliphant. Also present in person were Board's Attorney Marvin Abshire, Matt Miller, BFU, Inc., representatives Jeff Farmer and Conner Collier, 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 February 15, 2024, meeting. Scott Oliphant moved, and Michael Turner seconded, to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

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 February 29, 2024, was \$92,302.83. Matt Miller noted under repairs and maintenance, an expenditure of \$810.00 was paid for the annual NDPS permit fee was paid to IDEM. The expenditure of \$3,104.00 paid to the Town of Bloomfield was for several months of sewer collections. Matt closed by noting the yearly comparisons reveal the district's cash balance is steadily rising. Allen Toon moved, and Tim Turpen seconded, to approve the Financial Report and claims docket. The motion passed 5-0.

Jeff Farmer provided BFU's Operations Report as follows:

1. There is not much going on. Pumps were ordered, to be delivered today, and will be installed as soon as possible at WestGate.

The next item of business was usage and allocation concerns. Jeff Farmer noted the new NHanced Semiconductor facility at WestGate seeks approximately 12,000 gallons per day of processed water to run through the sewer plant for microchip processing. NHhanced will use 25% of the current plant's capacity. If, and when, Crane Village hooks onto the sewer plant, the plant will be well over capacity. Marvin Abshire noted NHanced wants hook-on availability in January 2025. NHanced will need 16 EDU's in the 1st quarter of 2025 and 32 EDU's by the 4th quarter of 2025. If Crane Village receives grant funding this year, it will take at least a year to install laterals. Allen Toon asked if there is a legally binding agreement with Crane Village because the connection has been discussed for almost 12 years. Marvin does not believe there is any written enforceable obligation. NHanced has been communicating with Jeff Farmer by email and has informally requested a Will-

Serve letter from the Sewer District accepting its flow. Marvin Abshire asked Jeff Farmer to request NHanced submit a formal Will-Serve letter. Constructing a new sewer plant is contingent on WestGate One receiving funds from the CHIPS Act which is moving very slowly. Marty Wessler noted if the district can work with developer Tom Wininger to get a letter stating how many EDU's his housing development will need per year, that is something we can submit to IDEM to reduce the allocation level. Jeff Farmer noted the next thing to consider is how rates differ between residential rates and commercial rates. Currently, the \$1,950.00 hook-on fee for residential is not far from reasonable, but the commercial hook-on fees need to be higher.

The board then decided to move ahead to the next item of business, continued discussion regarding commercial and industrial availability fees and service rates. Marvin Abshire circulated a draft sample of fees. Marty Wessler noted for commercial rates the options area to charge per EDU or water meter size. Marty thinks basing rates on water meter size at peak flow is simpler. A lengthy discussion followed regarding rates based on EDU, water meter size, and flow. An ordinance will need to be completed which will require a public hearing before it is adopted. Scott Oliphant moved, and Michael Turner seconded, to base the industrial rate on the water meter size as a method of charging. The motion passed 5-0.

The board then discussed other fees to guide Marvin Abshire for the framework of the Ordinance for Collecting Rates and Charges for Industrial Wastewater Collections. A public hearing on industrial rates will be held at the next meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, shifting the starting time to 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Michael Turner moved, and Allen Toon seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED this 18th day of April, 2024.

Timothy Turpen, Secretary

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Operating Fund Financial Report January 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024

	January	February	Total	
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 89,929.39	\$ 96,342.14	\$ 89,929.39	
Receipts				
Sewer Collections	14,316.60	6,604.50	20,921.10	
Total Receipts	14,316.60	6,604.50	20,921.10	
Expenses				
Utilities	1,355.00	1,570.02	2,925.02	
Contractual Services	5,662.05	2,818.05	8,480.10	
Repairs and Maintenance	-	2,057.74	2,057.74	
Inspections	-	250.00	250.00	
Locates	149.50	140.00	289.50	
Materials and Supplies	33.30	-	33.30	
Advance Repayment-GCRC	704.00	704.00	1,408.00	
Collection Expense(Town of Bloomfield)		3,104.00	3,104.00	
Total Expenses	7,903.85	10,643.81	18,547.66	
Excess(Deficit) of Receipts Over Expenses	6,412.75	(4,039.31)	2,373.44	
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 96,342.14	\$ 92,302.83	\$ 92,302.83	
Additional Information:				
Cash Balance as of March 12, 2024	\$ 85,665.26			
Unpaid Claims as of March 12, 2024	\$ -			

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Operating Fund Financial Report Year-to-Date Thru February 29, 2019-2024

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 26,649.73	\$ 13,524.92	\$ 15,424.83	\$ 56,068.46	\$ 78,033.53	\$ 89,929.39
Receipts						
Sewer Collections	13,670.00	20,173.00	18,802.20	17,554.19	14,124.00	20,921.10
Total Receipts	13,670.00	20,173.00	18,802.20	17,554.19	14,124.00	20,921.10
Expenses						
Utilities	3,714.55	1,933.70	3,093.70	3,093.04	3,079.04	2,925.02
Contractual Services	6,136.75	6,543.50	6,986.85	7,637.99	8,182.56	8,480.10
Repairs and Maintenance	4,088.00	14,311.78	-	944.33	2,610.00	2,057.74
Inspections	-	-	-	-	-	250.00
Locates	-	-	-	-	-	289.50
Materials and Supplies	-	-	-	-	45.35	33.30
Advance Repayment-GCRC	1,408.00	1,408.00	1,408.00	1,408.00	1,408.00	1,408.00
Collection Expense (Town of Bloomfield)		2,400.00	1,716.00	864.00		3,104.00
Total Expenses	15,347.30	26,596.98	13,204.55	13,947.36	15,324.95	18,547.66
Excess(Deficit) of Receipts Over Expenses	(1,677.30)	(6,423.98)	5,597.65	3,606.83	(1,200.95)	2,373.44
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 24,972.43	\$ 7,100.94	\$ 21,022.48	\$ 59,675.29	\$ 76,832.58	\$ 92,302.83