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NOTICE OF MEETING – REGULAR MEETING

TITLE OF GROUP MEETING: LAKELAND SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1

PLACE: LAKELAND SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1 OFFICE
8780 MORGAN RD.
MINOCQUA, WI 54548

DATE: MAY 27, 2025

PURPOSE: REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
2. APPROVAL OF 5-27-25 AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF 5-12-25 MEETING MINUTES
4. EHLERS FINANCE ADVISORS – PRESENTATION OF SEWER RATE STUDY VIA TEAMS
5. APPROVAL OF SEWER RATE STUDY CWFL PLEDGE AND RATE INCREASES
6. P. MORROW – MSA WWTP FACILITY UPGRADE UPDATES
7. SIGN CHECKS/PAY BILLS
8. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

TIME OF POSTING: MAY 23, 2025

NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON
DIRECTING THAT THIS NOTICE
BE POSTED: TOM WIPPERFURTH
PRESIDENT

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May 27, 2025

Present: T. Wipperfurth, M. Killian, R. LaPlante

Absent:

Others: W. Peters, J. Benson, P. Morrow – MSA Professional Services, B. Jopek – Lakeland Times, B. Roemer – Ehlers Finance Advisors

The meeting was called to order by President T. Wipperfurth on May 27, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. All public notices have been posted to meet with the open meeting law and the building is accessible for the handicapped.

Approval of 5-27-25 Agenda: M. Killian made a motion to approve the 5-27-25 agenda. R. LaPlante seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of 5-12-25 Regular Meeting Minute: R. LaPlante made a motion to approve the minutes for the 5-12-25 meeting minutes; M. Killian seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4: Ehlers Finance Advisors – Presentation of Sewer Rate Study via Teams: Brian Roemer of Ehlers Finance Advisors presented to the board Phase 1 of the sewer rate study and the different options available to the district for the CWF loan pledge in order to close on the loan. B. Roemer went over all the options available in order to close on the Clean Water Fund Loan and what was required by the DOA in order to close using different pledges. The initial calculated rates are preliminary and are simply based on a percentage of increased revenue required to meet DOA requirements and debt service payments for the DNR Clean Water Fund Loan. The preliminary rates do not differentiate between residential and commercial users, the latter of which typically pay more for sewer service due to greater contribution and type of waste. Current rate calculations from Ehlers and from MSA are based on 20-year loan terms from DNR. However, up to a 30-year loan term may also be possible if the Sanitary District wishes to use a longer loan term. Since payments would be applied for a longer term, the sewer rate increase could be smaller, but the interest paid over the life of the loan would also be greater. After reviewing all options and going over all the covenants related to each the board decided they wanted to go forward using the sewer revenue pledge for the CWF loan for a 30 year in order to have the lowest sewer rate adjustments passed on to the district's customers. M. Killian made a motion to go forward with the sewer revenue pledge for the CWF a 30 year loan term. R. LaPlante seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

P. Morrow asked B. Roemer about the facility design life timeline that was submitted to the WI DNR and how that may have a bearing on the CWF loan. After a short discussion about the loan terms and the design life terms, M. Killian made an amended motion to go forward with the sewer revenue pledge for the CWF loan to be 30 year term unless the final CWF loan is less than the 30 year design life; the loan terms will be adjusted. T. Wipperfurth seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: Approval of Sewer Rate Study CWFL Pledge and Rate Increases: M. Killian made a motion to table agenda item #5 until a later date. R. LaPlante seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item #6: P. Morrow – MSA WWTP Facility Upgrade Updates: P. Morrow presented the board with a handout on the updates of the WWTF upgrade construction. Work is ongoing and the contractor is preparing to pour concrete in the excavation pit around June 11, 2025. The contractor has removed a majority of equipment and piping related to the primary clarifiers and the primary sludge pumps and piping in the lower level of the pump and control building. No disruption to WWTF operations occurred. P. Morrow went over upcoming items for June 2025. The board thanked him for the updates.

Agenda Item #7: Sign Checks/Pay Bills

Agenda Item #8: Info/Correspondence: Next board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2025. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M., on a motion by M. Killian, seconded by R. LaPlante.

Clerk:

Rick A. LaPlante