

# NEENAH-MENASHA SEWERAGE COMMISSION

## Special Meeting

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Special Meeting was called to order by Commission President Youngquist at 9:45 a.m.

**Present:** Commissioners Brandon Barlow, Forrest Bates, Greg Weyenberg, Dale Youngquist, Raymond Zielinski; Manager Paul Much; Accounting Clerk Melissa Starr.

**Also Present:** Allison Blackmer (Harrison); Matt Heiser (Harrison); Gerry Kaiser (Neenah); Anthony Mach (Neenah); Tim Mathys (Sonoco); Don Merkes (Menasha); Chad Olsen (McMahon); Dan Osero (Town of Neenah); Chad Pelishek (Harrison); Jeffrey Sturgell (Fox Crossing); Roger Voigt (MCO); Darren Woods (Sonoco)

**Discussion with community Mayors and Administrators.** President Youngquist introduced himself, Manager Much, and Chad Olsen, and explained the current biosolids management situation and how the Commission came to the decision of purchasing the building and hiring FSO for biosolids hauling and application. The question was asked; how will spreading work if the contract expires today? It was explained that the biosolids already being stored in the building will be taken care of by Gizmo, and the intention is to enter into a 5-year contract with FSO who will take care of biosolids hauling and spreading going forward. Gizmo has also agreed to continue to haul biosolids from NMSC to the storage building until the end of December to allow for more time to negotiate a contract with FSO. Another question arose regarding what the new rates will be for the communities. Accountant Voigt explained the first year's payments and hauling costs were included in the 2024 budget. The hauling costs are based off percentage of use based on SS and BOD. Someone asked if the Clean Water Fund loan would be an option, and Chad Olsen explained that because it is an existing building, it would not be eligible. After questions were answered, the meeting with the Mayors and Administrators concluded.

Motion made and seconded by Commissioners Bates/Zielinski to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. During the closed session, the Commission will discuss real estate matters. Motion carried unanimously on a Roll Call vote.

Meeting convened into Closed Session at 10:28 am.

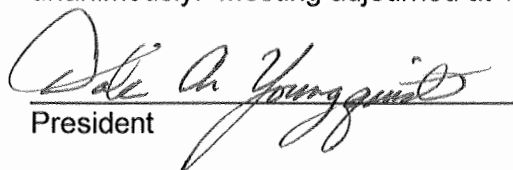
Discussion of Purchase Agreement for the Biosolids Building.

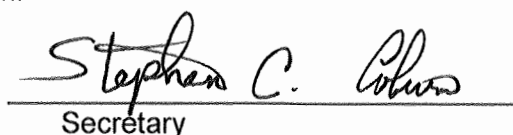
After discussion, motion made and seconded by Commissioners Bates/Weyenberg to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting reconvened into Open Session at 10:33 am.

Motion made and seconded by Commissioners Bates/Weyenberg to approve the Purchase Agreement for Biosolids Building. Motion carried 5-0 with 2 absent on a Roll Call Vote.

Motion made and seconded by Commissioners Bates/Zielinski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

  
President

  
Secretary