

**Village of Caledonia Utility District Meeting
September 4, 2024**

1 – Order

President Stacey called the Village of Caledonia Utility District meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2 – Roll Call

PRESENT: 4 – President Howard Stacey, Dave Ruffalo, Robert Kaplan, and Trustee Lee Wishau.

EXCUSED: 1 – Kathleen Trentadue

STAFF: Public Services Director Anthony A. Bunkelman P.E.

3 - Approval of Minutes August 7, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaplan to approve the Utility District’s minutes from August 7, 2024, seconded by Trustee Wishau. **Motion carried 4-0.**

4 – Citizen Comments

5 – Communications & Announcements

a. Racine Water Utility Agenda & Minutes

The Commission looked over the agenda from the August 20th meeting of the Racine Water Utility. Minutes were not available at the time of the meeting.

b. Racine Sewer Utility Agenda & Minutes

The Commission looked over the agenda from the August 20th meeting of the Racine Sewer Utility. Minutes were not available at the time of the meeting.

c. Notice of Potential Material Change of Circumstance – Racine Area Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer, Revenue Sharing, Cooperation and Settlement Agreement April 25, 2002

Director Bunkelman indicated that Taft was adamant that the Racine Wastewater Utility does not entertain sewer extensions until after the September meeting which was against the advice from the Wastewater Commission’s attorney. Ultimately the Commission followed the advice of the Commission’s attorney.

6 – Approval of O&M Bills

a. Trustee Wishau moved to approve the Sewer Utility Invoices in the amount of \$133,577.93 from the August 28th invoice list. Seconded by Commissioner Kaplan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

b. Trustee Wishau moved to approve the Water Utility Invoices in the amount of \$701,812.03 from the August 28th invoice list. Seconded by Commissioner Kaplan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- c. Trustee Wishau moved to approve the Storm Water Utility Invoices in the amount of \$14,128.47 from the August 28th invoice list. Seconded by Commissioner Kaplan.
Motion carried 4-0.

7 – Project Updates

a. Riverbend Lift Station Safety Site, Lift Station & Forcemain Upgrade

Facility Plan to be wrapped up at a later date. Project on hold temporarily to not have conflicts with the Highway 38 Bridge Replacement. Riverbend Lift Station Pump #3 out of service. Ordered a new pump, awaiting delivery. Reached out to update delivery. Delivery now approximately October 29, 2024.

b. Annual Televising Program – Sanitary Sewer

Cleaning for 2024 continues. Have had issues with Vactor Truck which has slowed cleaning. Will be looking to get a quote for lining and grouting the River Meadows area and also need to get quotes for Armorock Manholes and lining of Sanitary Sewer along 3 Mile Road. Looking to place both projects in 2025 budget if possible.

c. Central Lift Station Safety Site & Attenuation Basin

Design of Basin continues. Received 60% plans and are under a cursory review.

d. TID #4 Elevated Storage Tank & Adams Road Watermain

Plans for project near complete. Have submitted for wetland disturbance permit for installation of watermain.

e. Western Village / Sundance Heights Watermain

Project under construction. All water main has been installed and tested. Contractor is installing services at the present time.

f. TID #4 Phase 4 Sanitary Sewer & Watermain Extension Project

Project awarded by the Village Board on August 20th. Village Attorney is reviewing contracts to be sent to Dorner.

g. Hoods Creek – Aldebaran Brushing Project

Contractor had been out briefly to start work when weather changed and postponed work. Will begin work when weather and ground conditions are conducive to performing work.

h. Turtle Creek Restoration

Southern Wisconsin Appraisal meeting with owners to discuss easements. Great Lakes Tree had an equipment issue. Trees to be removed when equipment is repaired. Have been in touch with an Arborist to potentially spray the Klema Ditch to prevent tree growth.

i. 4 Mile Road Tile (Club View Subdivision to Erie Street)

Drainage Study is currently underway.

8 – Action Items

a. Request for Modification Waiver for Sanitary Sewer – Michna Development – Frank Michna, Blaise Michna, Renee Michna & Dorothy Bocciardi

Nancy Washburn, representative for the Owners listed, gave a presentation to the Commission about the proposed development, the issues faced by the Owners listed, the highest and best use for the property (due to physical limitations, railroad, ATC lines, noise, etc), the cost of sanitary sewer (to bring it to the property), and the need for sanitary sewer as it related to the properties benefitted.

The Commission asked a question about precedence. This would be considered precedence setting as other requests have been denied in the past.

Trustee Wishau moved to deny the Modification Waiver from 14-3-4-c-6-b-i for the Michna Development to not have sanitary sewer installed within a potential platted subdivision within the Urban Service Area. No Second. **Motion failed.**

Commissioner Kaplan moved to forward the Modification Waiver from 14-3-4-c-6-b-i for the Michna Development to not have sanitary sewer installed within a potential platted subdivision within the Urban Service Area to the Plan Commission and Village Board with No Recommendation. Seconded by Trustee Wishau. **Motion carried 3-1. Ruffalo No.**

b. Notice of Award / Reject Bid – STH 31 Sanitary Laterals

Director Bunkelman indicated that only 1 bid was received for this project to replace 2 sanitary sewer laterals within STH 31. The bid received in the amount of \$169,235.00 was significantly higher than expected for the work.

Commissioner Kaplan moved to authorize the Caledonia Utility District to recommend to the Village Board to reject the bid for the STH 31 Sanitary Laterals Project in the amount of \$169,235.00. Seconded by Trustee Wishau. **Motion carried 4-0.**

c. Air Release Valve Replacement Quote – Central Lift Station Forcemain

Director Bunkelman indicated that a pre bid meeting was held and only 1 contractor attend the meeting. The replacement of the Air Release Valves is for the forcemain from the Central Lift Station because the existing flow out of the station is not meeting the theoretical/design flow and the air release valves are the original valves from 1988 and are no longer working.

Commissioner Kaplan moved to award the Air Release Valve Replacements to Lee Mechanical in the amount of \$56,689 for the 10 Air Release Valves on the Central Lift Station Forcemain and the 1 Air Release Valve on the Highway V Forcemain. Seconded by Trustee Wishau. **Motion carried 3-0. Ruffalo abstained.**

d. Municipal Water Request – Meadow Park Estates Addition No. 1

Director Bunkelman received a request for Municipal Water from the owner of 9103 Meadow Park Lane. Director Bunkelman sent out a survey to the area to see if there was support from the lot owners within the subdivision for the installation of municipal water. 81% of the owners responded to the survey. 72% of the responses where no, 24% of the responses where yes and 4% of the responses did not have sufficient information.

Trustee Wishau moved to respond to the petitioner that the Caledonia Utility District will not install watermain within the Meadow Park Estates Addition No. 1 at this time due to a lack of support from the subdivision lot owners. Seconded by Commissioner Kaplan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

e. 2025 Utility District Budget

Director Bunkelman introduced the Draft 2025 Utility District Budget to the Commission. A copy of this draft budget will be forwarded to the Village Board for their review at the budget sessions later in the month. The final 2025 Utility District Budget will be at the next Commission meeting for recommendation and approval.

9 – Adjournment

Upon a motion by Trustee Wishau and seconded by Commissioner Kaplan, the Commission moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 pm. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Respectively submitted,
Anthony A. Bunkelman P.E.