

Eureka Township

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Special Meeting – Elko/New Market Waste Water Treatment Plant June 16, 2004

Chair Don Pflaum called the Special Meeting of the Eureka Town Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Town board members present were Chair Don Pflaum, Supervisor Kenny Miller, Supervisor Mark Malecha, Supervisor Dan Rogers and Supervisor Connie Anderson. Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer Jeannie Nordstrom to record minutes.

Agenda: Elko/New Market Waste Water Treatment Plant

Gary Oberts, Emmons & Olivier Resources presented an Update on Issues on the Elko/New Market Waste Water Treatment Plant impact on Eureka Township. He also addressed related issues such as infiltration of effluent into shallow groundwater, eliminating wastewater from the Vermillion River, thermal pollution (runoff) and increased discharge effect on trout, channel effects from increased base flow (erosion, sediment, turbulence), new industrial discharges to WWTP and what mechanisms are or can be put in place for corrective actions.

The following items were discussed:

- . The present Elko/New Market Waste Water Treatment Plant which is currently in violation of permit
- . Timing of the MCES Interceptor
- . Storm water Issues

Mr. Oberts also showed a number of maps showing the Vermillion River Watershed, some areas where homes had been flooded and the storm water flow. He also discussed the study, and described the attached graphs.

Chair Don Pflaum noted the Board had been discussing these issues the last few weeks. He presented their list of concerns and asked to have them addressed by the members of the audience representing Elko and New Market, the Met Council, Dakota County and others.

The Metropolitan Council representative noted that they are expediting the schedule and doing the engineering study now for the Interceptor Line (emphasis is on the cost of the line). Expect to see cost estimates early July before he has something to share. The best scenario he can project is adoption of the development plan by March 2005. He believes the 2008 finish date will be hard to accomplish no matter how hard they try. 2010 would be more likely when it will happen. He suggested a letter to the Met Council's chair from Eureka Township.

Discussion was held about not building the Elko/New Market Waste Water Treatment Plant bigger than they have to. Possible help with Eureka's erosion along roads and rivers was discussed. At the present time, Elko and New Market feel like there is not a good solution to their treatment plant not having big enough capacity. Groundbreaking for the new plant was planned for this summer but is now being delayed until fall. They do not want to start the new building until the Metropolitan Council gives them a timeline for the interceptor line because they don't want to build a plant with too little or too big capacity.

A question was offered about whether they plan to continue being out of compliance or whether they have a plan so they will not continue to pollute the Vermilion River.

Discussion was also held on the storm water issue and how it could be addressed.

Chair Don Pflaum wrapped up the meeting, saying there was some good discussion tonight between all parties and some progress.

Wrap up of meeting. Audience was informed that Eureka Town Board would ask at the meeting on June 22, 2004 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be conducted.

A short recess was taken.

Meeting recalled at 9:16 p.m. by Don Pflaum. Don stated that a letter came from Vermillion Watershed Joint Powers Organization that we will all get later tonight.

Supervisor Kenny Miller also had a Met Council memo which stated the fees for trucking waste. Discussion followed on local haulers, and where they haul to.

Next Tuesday, June 22, 2004 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. is the meeting in St. Paul in which the Eureka Town Board will attend and ask for the EIS concerning the Elko/New Market Waste Water Treatment Plant. Chair Don Pflaum noted that anyone can attend the meeting. A large attendance from the community would speak loudly. Each one of the board members will prepare a statement.

A letter from Dakota County Soil and Water was read by Don Pflaum - they can't attend meeting on June 22. More discussion was held about the June 22 meeting and who might attend.

Motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded.