

# Eureka Township

## Dakota County

### State of Minnesota

Special Meeting – Upper Vermillion River Interceptor Line  
August 2, 2004

Chair Don Pflaum called the Special Meeting of the Eureka Town Board to order at 8:26 p.m.

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The planning Commission submitted their recommendations to the town board, from the open house they held on July 26, 2004 regarding the Upper Vermillion River Interceptor Line. *see attached*

The Town boards position is to pursue an interceptor pipe for a long term solution to wastewater disposal from the Elko/ New Market Area. The question is where is it going to go and what is the time line.

Bryce Pickart, representing the Met Council briefly outlined the timeline for the proposed project. The system plan amendment should be adopted in September. Timing of project 2010 and the capacity is uncertain (growth 2010-2030)

He recommended option F and Option 5. Option F uses a lift station, which would consume ½ to 1 acre of property. It would disturb less land, because it is shallower.

The current Met Council framework for Eureka Township is Agriculture (1dwelling per 40 acres). When and if Eureka wants to connect to the pipeline they would need to consult with the Met Council expressing the desire to become a developing community and they would need to update the Comprehensive Plan.

Bryce explained how the regional sewer system is funded. There is a connection fee (pays for reserve capacity in the system) and there are user fees based on wastewater volume. (measured at the communities boarder.) No property tax is involved. Costs would apply to Eureka when they decide to become a developing community.

Met Council would require two types of easements, permanent easements and temporary construction easements.

Working hours were discussed. Typically hours are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. If they are tunneling they operate until tunneling is done because of the cost of the equipment. The township has some regulation of operating hours.

Francie Madden, Planning Commission Chair briefly talked about the open house held on July 26, 2004. The town board had received copies of citizen comments prior to the meeting for review. She explained that the planning commission first choice for the Upper Vermillion Interceptor East is option 4, second choice option 5. For the Vermillion River West options D, E, F in order of preference.

The planning commission felt with these, the entire township could be served by the interceptor line.

The town board reviewed the options of the Upper Vermillion Interceptor East. These are Options 1 thru 5.

The town board felt their decision should be by resolution.

Supervisor Mark Malecha moved to resolve to recommend option 4,5or 6 for the East half of the township. (Upper Vermillion Interceptor East) Motion seconded by Supervisor Don Pflaum. All in favor, motion carried.

The Town board reviewed the options for the Upper Vermillion River Interceptor West. These are options A thru F.

The town board felt that D, E and F would be the most desirable options for the township. F would be the most disruptive of the 3 options. The future benefit to the township is important.

Supervisor Kenny Miller moved to resolve the option with the maximum long term benefit to the township with the least adverse impact to the property owners. Motion seconded by Supervisor Connie Anderson. Discussion followed.

It was decided that this statement would be used to choose the options, but would not be used as the resolution. Supervisor Kenny Miller rescinded the motion. Supervisor Connie Anderson accepted the rescinding of the motion.

Talley sheets were distributed to the town board members, each member placed the options in order of preference, with the criteria of: maximum benefit to Eureka Township with the least adverse impact to property owners.

Supervisor Don Pflaum tallied the results. A=9 points, B=8, C=16, D=24, E=23, F=26

Supervisor Mark Malecha moved to resolve to state the Eureka Town board options F, D, E, C, A,B in order of preference. Motion seconded by Supervisor Don Pflaum. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Supervisor Kenny Miller: To adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Mark Malecha.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 pm.