

February 11, 2010

## **Sanitary District #2**

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

Present: Randy Leiker, Andy Peters, Mike Woods and Dan Garber. Tom Becher was excused.

### **Review of grant applications for Miller, Quality and Wisconsin ponds.**

Nick VanDeHei talked with DNR about the original ponds. Their stance is that we cannot have ponds in-line. If these three fit the criteria, they are in the airport overlay district. It would either require bird balls or fish wire which makes it more costly to build and this makes these not as financially desirable. We have a grant deadline coming up in April where we could apply for a construction grant. The grant is for \$200,000 maximum. The other part is that they only go with a 50% share. Of the \$200,000 it can be used for land acquisition and the rest for design. These three are good choices for a grant application in that they drain into the Mud Creek Watershed and that is high on the DNR's list. They could have a good shot of getting approved. We would have to do a Chapter 30 permit through the DNR before the 15<sup>th</sup> along with a number of other steps. We need the cooperation of landowners. Nick does not want to rush anything through. We will probably not be able to make the deadline. There will be another grant round next year. Then next year we will have everything in order for the grant. If we try to rush it through, it is perceived as not being right. For the Miller pond we could possibly work with them to build the pond bigger to allow for expansion if they ever build. The Quality pond is attractive because it takes the water out of the industrial park. It is a huge one. We would want to communicate with the property owners to try to work something out. This could take a year to get the whole process going. Let's take the first steps by meeting with the Citizen Advisory Board, etc.

Nick did not say for sure that the in-line ponds are dead but we can't just sit and wait and do nothing. The DNR has a new equation that we need to spend so much per year (\$300,000) to show we are moving forward. These three ponds are more attractive to the DNR because of the bird balls, etc. Dean doubts that we will get the Ameritech Pond. We could try just the Miller and the Quality ponds first. By making the pond bigger you will help save Miller Electric from building another pond if they expand. You could bill them a smaller portion back and work out a maintenance plan. We could also look up stream at the vacant land on Communication Drive and work something out with them. Dean thinks we have two years to use the money from a grant. Dean's recommendation is not to rush into a grant right now but start the process for next year at this time. We can always back out if one of the other ponds works out.

**Jennerjohn Pond update.**

After the meeting with the DNR, Jennerjohn would be another in-line pond. Dean asked Nick to check out what it would cost to put pipe in from Rickey and Ridgeway to the pond. We would pick up the water before it got to the stream and direct it to the pond. Nick ran preliminary numbers if we did the piping and it still came back at number 6 out of 40 for the best cost for a pond. Nick was surprised it was rating that high. Nick had sent a email to Scott Koehnke to let him know what they were thinking. Scott liked the idea. It would most likely dry up the stream. After a few years of no water going in there it would be declassified as a navigable stream.

We can dump into the stream once it is treated. The DNR had a problem with picking up the water out of the stream and taking it into the pond. Dean read an email that Nick received from Scott. Scott supports the Jennerjohn Park concept with the diversion. The stream would probably be reclassified. Scott does not support the inline ponds. Nick would like to submit a construction grant for this project. Scott thought he could get a Chapter 30 permit before the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline and a resolution would also be needed. If a wetland delineation is needed, it could be an issue. The permit application would need to be submitted by mid March. This drains to the Bear Creek Watershed. This is not high on the DNR list because it is not in the Mud Creek Watershed. It depends on what other communities are applying for. Part of the grant is you have to have a project about 60-70% designed. We will try to get Jennerjohn in this year. Dave is concerned about how this all fits together. Maybe we should have a meeting with Nick and the Citizen Advisory Board. Dean stated the Advisory Board already agreed to the Jennerjohn pond and the Rickey pond. Money is budgeted for land acquisition and for the engineering for this year. The Rickey pond is on hold.

We are only moving forward with Jennerjohn at this time. This pond will be about \$700,000. In 2011 or 2012, we will build it. Dean will get the engineering numbers from Nick and bring it back to the Board.

**Policy for inclusion of ponds as park property.**

This would include all ponds as park property. That way we are not re-creating rules for each pond. Under the park umbrella, whatever happens out there may have recreational immunity. We will need to check with the Attorney on this. Dean can move forward with this.

**Motion to adjourn**

Dan Garber made a motion to adjourn. Mike Woods seconded the motion and it was carried and adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Deborah Wagner,  
Town Clerk

Adjourn meeting.

