



MINUTES
October 8, 2025
FSD MEETING

Present: Dan Vanden Berg, Sam Van Handel, Eugene Klister

Others Present: Terri Romitti, FSD; Dean Zanon, Cedar Corporation

Meeting called to order at 6:30 a.m. at the Freedom Sanitary District Office.

Verification of posting as indicated on the bottom of the agenda.

Motion by Sam Van Handel to adopt the agenda. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Open Floor Session – There is a planning commission meeting tonight where the Reader development is on the agenda.

Motion by Eugene Klister to approve vouchers 20619– 20647 for a total of \$42,394.71 (Water \$26,037.96 and Sewer \$16,356.75) Second by Dan Vanden Berg. Motion Carried (3-0).

Motion by Sam VanHandel to approve the September 17, 2025. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0)

Update on Well Site #3 Project. Test will go out for Bid on October 6th & October 13th. Bid opening will take place on October 28th at 2:00 p.m. The funding application was approved from the DNR and now we have to wait mid/end of November to see where we will land on the priority listing with the DNR. ECWRPC has said they will approve the sewer service amendment.

Update on Finnigan's Ridge Water Treatment Plant Rehab project. Cedar is working on finalizing design and will be bid in November. Hoping to complete project in Spring of 2026. The funding application was approved from the DNR and now we have to wait mid/end of November to see where we will land on the priority listing with the DNR.

Update on Water Rate Increase. The PSC has reviewed the rate case and has followed-up with a list of questions that Ginny and Terri have answered and gotten back to them. Currently it looks like it will be an overall rate increase of possibly 95%. We are trying to get them to lower the rate of return to lower that amount. Our debt to equity is high and that is one thing the PSC is reviewing. This is because when water utility was originally created the debt was structured to have low payments up front and the majority of debt payments coming in later with thoughts that development would occur to pay off that debt. Also, that there would be more deferred paid.

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant TSS upgrade project. Plans and specs were submitted on September 30, 2025.

Update on Fox Meadows Subdivision – work is completed. Punch list items have been given to DeGroot. Waiting for DeGroot to complete punch list items

Update on future development. Eric Fowle is setting up meeting with ECWRPC to discuss the future development in TID #3.

Update on website development. Due to the Town redoing their website they are not allowing the District to be part of their website. Terri looked into Rural Water Impact. Their fee is \$449 for setup and \$605 / year. Motion by Sam VanHandel to approve Terri to move forward with the Rural Water Impact website design. Second by Dan Vaden Berg. Motion Carried (3-0).

Engineers Report – Pay Request for DeGroot – Final \$10,298.60. All closing paperwork and documents have been approved.

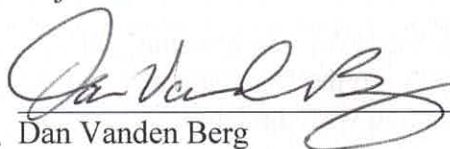
Motion by Eugene Klister to approve the Final Pay Request to DeGroot construction in the amount of \$10,298.60 along with closing paperwork. Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried 3-0).


Other Business Before the Board

- We have our Sanitary Survey for water scheduled on 10/29 with the DNR.
- Vione Shane – had an instance where an outdoor faucet was left on and wanted to ask for an adjustment on her bill. After discussion no adjustment will be made. The District's rate structure does not allow for that adjustment. Terri will communicate back with customer.
- RAS Pump – LW Allen said by the pictures it looks like the impellers are ok. They will be doing a site visit to where the pump is.
- The new Chlorine monitor has arrived.

Motion by Eugene Klister to adjourn. Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Adjourned at 7:39 a.m.


Dan Vaden Berg Date: 10-22-25


Eugene Klister Date: 10-22-25