



**MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2026
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 Eugene Klister to adopt the agenda. Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Open Floor Session – None

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to approve vouchers 20755– 20772 including three auto draws for a total of \$32,071.47 (Water \$6,234.58 and Sewer \$25,836.89) Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Motion by Sam Van Handel to approve the January 7, 2026. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0)

Update on Well Site #3 Project. Test well has been drilled – 685 feet. Still in the sandstone. Completed the pump tests. Completed analytical sampling. Should have results in 4-6 weeks. USGS contacted Cedar about doing some additional testing, they were allowed to do that. We will also receive those results.

Reviewed the pay request #1 for the Test Well – Contract A-25.

Motion by Eugene Klister to approve the pay request #1 to CTW Corporation in the amount of \$146,751.88. Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Update on Finnigan's Ridge Water Treatment Plant Rehab project. Possibility to eliminate pre chlorination. The media has been sampled and landfill has accepted but parameters have changed as of October so needs to be relooked at with landfill.

Update on interim financing for projects. Met with DNR for the pre-award. Currently the rate is 2.475%. It takes about 8-10 weeks to close after the contract documents are completed. We will not be able to do the bank note due to how it would impact our DNR financing. It would make that DNR loan 19 years which would then make those payments larger. Looking at options with Baird.

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant TSS upgrade project. Updated scheduled was provided. Bid opening will be mid March. Construction still to begin in Spring of 2026, with completion Fall of 2027.

Update on status of lift station pumps. Working on obtaining a second quote for pump on Hwy 55.

Action on Resolution 2026-01 increasing of sewer rates. After review of rates and cost of project, the District at this time needs to raise rates 10% compared to the 20% that was slated for 2025. Depending on project costs and the money the District receives from the Town that may be the only increase needed for this project.

Motion by Eugene Klister to approve Resolution 2026-01 – A resolution changing the Freedom Sanitary District Sewer Charges to increase them 10%. Second by Sam Van Handel (3-0).

Update on future development – ECWPC approved the sewer service area amendment for Freedom Meadows and the 40 acres Fox Parcel. The review now goes to the DNR.

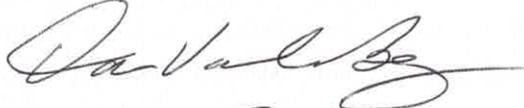
Engineers Report – None

Other Business Before the Board

- One of the deficiencies on our water sanitary survey was the need to add language to our ordinance and require people to have their well inspected by a certified well driller. Brian has offered to take the test to be able to get certified to do this. Commissioners agreed this is a good idea so that when doing the testing we can do the inspection saving them from having to hire someone else.
- The aeration blower that had previous leaks is leaking again. This is the 3rd replaced oil pump that is leaking.

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

Adjourned at 7:24 a.m.


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**FREEDOM SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION 2026-01**

**A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE FREEDOM SANITARY
DISTRICT SEWER CHARGES**

WHEREAS the Freedom Sanitary District No. 1, Outagamie County, Wisconsin (the "District") owns and operates a public sewer utility; and

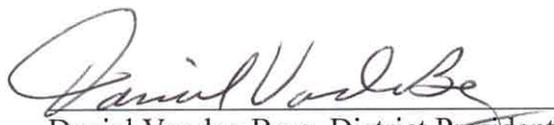
WHEREAS the District is planning a capital improvement project to address wastewater upgrades to meet permit requirements which will increase the Sanitary District's financial obligation

WHEREAS the District Commission, along with financial advisors, has determined it is needed to increase the sewer rates to cover the cost of the capital improvement project.

WHEREAS the District Commission is charged with establishing a sewer charge sufficient to pay the District's capital costs, operation and maintenance costs, replacement funds and any needed reserve funds;

NOW THEREFORE, the District hereby resolves that effective March 16, 2026 the sewer rates will increase 10%.

Approve and adopted this 21st day January, 2026.


Daniel Vandenberg, District President

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ATTEST:


Terri Romitti, Utility Administrator