



**MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 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 Sam Van Handel to adopt the agenda. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Open Floor Session – None

Motion by Eugene Klister to approve vouchers 20729– 20754 for a total of \$172,138.89 (Water \$76,117.69 and Sewer \$96,021.20) Second by Sam Van Handel. Motion Carried (3-0).

Motion by Sam Van Handel to approve the December 17, 2025. Second by Dan Vanden Berg. Motion Carried (3-0)

Update on Well Site #3 Project. Financing has been approved for the SDWF Loan. The pump test is starting today. It will take 6 weeks for the analytical. Should have all data by 3/1/26.

Update on Finnigan's Ridge Water Treatment Plant Rehab project. Bidding will take place in February of 2026. There are large lead times on equipment. Schedules have been reviewed. Final Completion is slated for 4/30/2027.

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant TSS upgrade project. Still on schedule as planned....Ads for project published end of January 2026, open end of February, and award in March. Construction to take place May 2026 – into fall of 2027.

Update on status of lift station pumps. Shamrock LS – New impellers were installed after the fall PM. A week after installed Pump 1 had a seal fail. When was pulled it had moisture in the oil. The pump is 12 years old. Pump will be getting rebuilt. HWY S LS – Pumps installed in 2007. When doing PM and changing the oil – the oil was filled with water. The housing is cracked. Pumps are obsolete. Seals had to be specially made. Going to repair both seals and reinstall even with cracked housing. HWY 55 LS – Pump #2 just failed this weekend. Sabel pulled pump on Monday. Originally installed in 2019. Waiting to hear from Sabel if pump can be rebuilt.

Review and action on interim financing through Nicolet Bank. Reviewed the financing proposal from Nicolet Bank dated October 22, 2025. It will be a single pay note up to \$5,000,000 for up to 12 month term. This financing will only be used as needed. We will draw as needed. Once the projects are officially bid we can work on closing the Safe Drinking Water Fund Loan.

Motion by Dan Vanden Berg to approve the financing through Nicolet Bank as outlined on the proposal dated October 22, 2025. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

Update on future development – ECWPC meeting is today. Eric Fowle from Cedar and Terri will attend. This is to bring the 80 acres on McHugh Rd into the Sewer Service Area. The Condo Development plans have been reviewed a second time and we have send them the approval letter. They have forwarded their plans to the DNR. A developers agreement still has to be completed with Town, Reader and District before any kind of construction can commence.

Review recommendations for standards and specifications for water and sewer installation.

Motion by Sam Van Handel to approve the Specifications and Standards review items including lateral locations, timing of water service taps, service termination limits, water service size, and tracer wire changes. Second by Eugene Klister. Motion Carried (3-0).

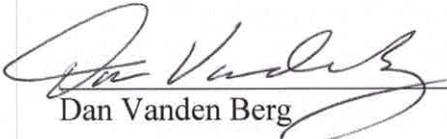
Engineers Report – None

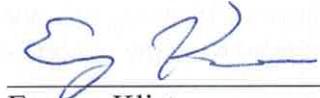
Other Business Before the Board

- Town Approved the \$2,000,000 over 7 years contingent upon a signed agreement. Terri will work with VanLieshout to get something drafted.
- PSC Rates have been approved. Step 1 will be implemented on 3/15/26. Step II will come after completion of projects per PSC.

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

Adjourned at 7:30 a.m.


Dan Vanden Berg 1-21-26
Date:


Eugene Klister 1-21-26
Date: