

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF MERRIMAC SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION
July 8, 2015

Present were Chairman Steve Peetz, Commissioner Charlie Hall, and Commissioner John Gaedke. Also in attendance were Tim McCumber, Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer, and Dick Cross, Town's Attorney.

Chairman Peetz called the **SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. There were no minutes or financials to report as this is the first meeting of the Commission. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, a number of folks asked questions about the process. Frank Olah mentioned the town should consider persons qualified to do the work that do not have a vested interest in the construction of the project. There was no **CORRESPONDENCE** or **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the Commission considered opening a checking account for the Commission at the Bank of Prairie du Sac. McCumber recommended the Bank of Prairie du Sac based on the town's current banking relationship with them for the sake of convenience. Motion to approve opening a checking account with the Bank of Prairie du Sac for the commission by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed. The commission then considered a proposal to hire a hydrogeologist for the purpose of evaluating proposed well location data as prepared by the United States Army, the purpose of which is to assist in estimating the scope of the entire project. McCumber reported one bid from Kunkel Engineering Group for \$3,750. The notice was published and emailed to several other firms. A motion was made by Peetz to contact Don Neitzel from Kunkel Engineering and request more information about the firm and to confirm they had a hydrogeologist on staff, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Next was a discussion with Mike Sitton of the US Army to discuss time lines and future activities of the Commission. Sitton reported that he has to prepare a decision document to request the system. Once it is approved by Army command, they will have an approved budget and then they will enter into a cooperative agreement that allows the Army to work with the Town and help develop ordinances. The town will have to do all of the real estate acquisitions to lay the wells, pipes, etc. While that is being done, the Army will submit the design to the DNR for engineering design review. The preliminary design will be delivered to McCumber for the commission to also review. There is a 13 month lead time on purchasing steel for the tower and an environmental assessment that also needs to be done. The town, the Army, and the DNR will have to sign the assessment. Once there is PSC approval, it would give the town the authority to build. The construction project will take about 2 years. The commission will have to address the unsold lots that already have well agreements. Someone will have to go to grants and administration school to learn how to manage the Army grant. There will be no salvage rights because the Army is providing an even exchange. The Army will pay for the cost of connection, etc. so the homeowner is not out of any financial value. A part of the cost of operation will include the requirement to flush water to keep the water and lines fresh, particularly in the winter.

Motion to adjourn by Gaedke, second by Hall. Motion passed.