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The Duckett Creek Sanitary District Board of Trustees held a public hearing to discuss the commercial rate increase on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office located at 3550 Highway K, O'Fallon, Missouri.

# Trustees present:

Mr. Greg Dohrman Chairperson
Mr. John Harshbarger Board Member
Ms. Linda Wibbenmeyer Vice-Chairperson

## Trustees not present:

Dr. William Rebore Board Member Mr. Bob Schnur Board Member

### **Staff Members present:**

Mr. Keith Arbuckle
Dr. Luke Kehoe
Director of Engineering & Operations
Ms. Julie O'Guinn
Director of Finance & Administration
Mr. Brad Meyers
Information Systems Manager
Ms. Sarah Marien
Accounting/HR/Admin Assistant
Ms. Krystal Jones
Recording Secretary
Sarah Beckmann
Administrative Analyst

### Others present:

Carol Malesky Stantec Consulting

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Dohrman of the Board of Trustees of Duckett Creek Sanitary District called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **District Customers present:**

None

Carol Malesky with Stantec Consulting gave their company's rate study report and presentation which provided the background of the three year consecutive rate study results and the origin of the proposed commercial rate increase.

## Ms. Malesky reviewed the following:

- FY 2024 Revenue Sufficiency Analysis
  - Displayed the updated 10-year capital improvement program schedule including existing and future infrastructure and plants.

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O Noted that the commercial rate increase will go into effect March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 and will be reflected on customers' bills in April 2024.

- Commercial increase in FY 2024 will achieve 100% parity with residential rates.
  - o 5,000 gallons of monthly usage and over for commercial customers will match fixed usage for residential customers. The dollar amount per 1000 gallons will increase \$0.95, from \$4.40 per 1000 gallons to \$5.35 per 1000 gallons.
  - Operating fund balances are expected to be drawn down to an optimal level.
  - Optimal balances of revenues in and expenses out are expected with the increase.

The Director of Finance and Administration noted that the District advertised in two local newspapers and sent postcard notices to commercial customers regarding the public hearings. She discussed how our rates compare favorably to other sewer providers in the area as reflected in the documents presented to the Board.

The District staff addressed all questions and concerns.

There being no further comments, Vice-Chairperson Wibbenmeyer moved and Board Member Harshbarger seconded the motion to close the January 17, 2024 Public Hearing.

By roll call vote, Chairperson Dohrman – Aye Board Member Harshbarger – Aye Vice-Chairperson Wibbenmeyer – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The board meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, K. Jones Recording Secretary Duckett Creek Sanitary District