

Minutes of North Davis Meadows County Service Area Advisory Committee

July 20, 2023

7:05pm-8:20pm

Meeting Attendees include: Advisory Committee members Kathy Greenhalgh, Francisca Johnson, and Joe Connolly, and Community Services Analyst Kimberly Villa.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Kathy Greenhalgh.

1. **Introductions-** Kathy introduced CSA advisory committee members and county staff.
2. Joe moved and Francisca seconded that the agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Joe moved and Francisca seconded that the minutes from June 15, 2023 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Update from Supervisor Frerichs' Office-** Supervisor Frerichs was not able to attend the meeting.
5. **Update on the Water Consolidation Project/Irrigation Study-** Kimberly shared that she expects a finalized agreement with the state will be completed by the end of August. Once we have a signed agreement, the project can go out to bid for construction. There were two bidders for the construction management portion of the project. These are entering into the evaluation process.

A notice was sent out to potential engineering firms to get quotes for the Irrigation Water Study. Two companies declined to bid, leaving one. For due diligence, Kimberly is reaching out to a 4th company. Non-bids count as bids.

Kimberly expects that the construction portion of the consolidation project will go out to bid in October or November and that construction could start in February or March of 2024. New water meters have already been purchased and will be installed early in the project so neighbors can see how much water they are using. Kimberly has asked the city for a grace period so neighbors have a chance to see what their water bill will look like once connected.

6. **Informational Presentation Regarding Changes to Sewer Charges-** A handout that outlined North Davis Meadows Sewer Service Fees was shared. Kimberly shared that the sewer bill will be affected when NDM is connected to Davis for

water. Bills are a direct reflection of winter water usage and this can impact what neighbors are paying on an annual basis. The current fee for the City of Davis Sewer Service is \$1,167.84 per household. There could be a saving of a few hundred dollars annually for those who limit their irrigation during the winter months. The current sewer rate for the City of Davis was set in 2011. Inflators were used for five years. Rates are currently under review. Kimberly said that there could be a significant increase, due to the disintegration of pipes in Davis. Kimberly is looking into whether or not NDM will be billed directly for sewer by Davis or if the fee will continue to be paid annually on the property tax bill.

In addition to the City of Davis fee, NDM residents pay for Signa to come and fix their grinder pumps. This "insurance" costs \$752 annually per household. Currently, when Signa is called for service, they pull the grinder pump and install a new or refurbished pump. A decision is made if the pulled pump should be repaired or scrapped. The average bill for a grinder pump call is \$200-\$300 and the cost of a new pump is approximately \$2,000. Two to three grinder pumps are stored by the county at the golf course, so they are available when needed. There was discussion of whether or not NDM should continue with the grinder pump program. Neighbors who rarely have their pump replaced, can end up subsidizing those who need frequent repairs. Joe Connolly will work with Kimberly to look into the pros and cons of the program.

7. **Drainage Update**-Kimberly is working with Yolo Flood Control to try to schedule ditch maintenance in September/October.
8. **Public Comment**- Joe will be working with three volunteers to fix the downed fence the NDM 1 common area.
9. **Adjournment**- The meeting was adjourned at 8:08m by Kathy Greenhalgh. The next CSA meeting will be held on 11/16/23

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Greenhalgh

