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Heart of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Director Brian Helminger led the quarterly community meeting last week at the City of Kaukauna's SPAR building.

Sewerage district to begin meeting with property owners along Fox River

By Brian Roebke Editor

The Heart of the Metropolitan Sewerage District held its quarterly community meeting on Wednesday at the City of Kaukauna's SPAR building, where Director Brian Helminger and Scott Schramm of Strategic Municipal Services gave updates on the progress of the interceptor rehabilitator project on the Fox River.

The waste water from Kaukauna, Little Chute, Kimberly, Combined Locks and Darboy is piped to a large interceptor pipe buried in the Fox River that flows to the treatment plant in Kaukauna. That pipe has degraded and needs rehabilitation in the form of a plastic liner.

Without installing a liner inside the pipe that carries sewage from the communities to the treatment plant by the paper mill in Kaukauna, the system will continue to deteriorate and require more substantial and costlier repairs.

They are starting to discuss temporary construction impacts with small pockets of affected property owners along the Fox River in Little Chute and Kaukauna. Those properties will see construction in the river in 2023 and 2024.

The district and Strategic Municipal Services is working with seven agencies to obtain 15 applications and getting ready for the public bidding process that occurs in the fourth quarter of this year.

Work begins in the second quarter of 2023, with completion in 2024.

Among the other news that Helminger shared is that new hookups to the sewer system are down considerably this year from 2021.

There were just two approvals processed this year, adding 7.5 acres of land with an estimated 38 people being served. In 2022, eight approvals were processed, adding 202 acres and 769 people.