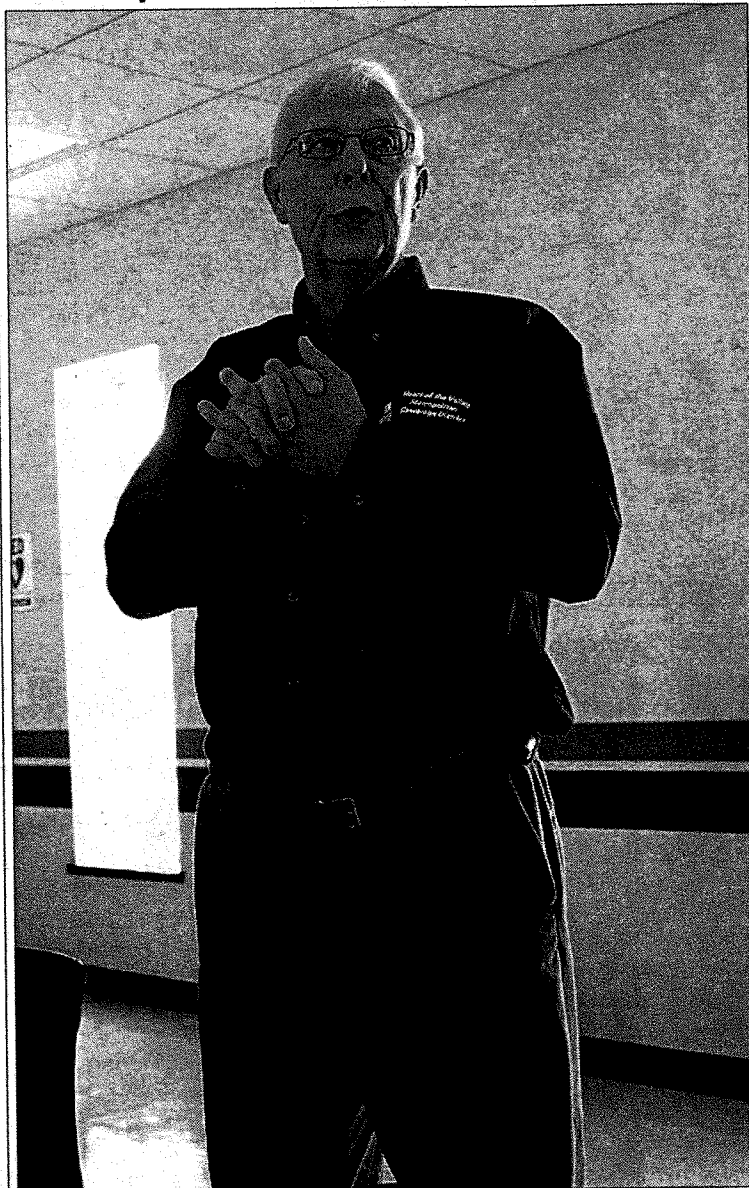


Interceptor on track for August bid



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The Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District held its quarterly community meeting with stakeholders last week at the Combined Locks Civic Center. Scott Schramm of Strategic Municipal Services, said they are working with eight agencies on 13 applications before they begin the project. Bids are expected to be awarded in August, with work to begin yet this fall. Also speaking at the meeting was Commission President Dave Casper (pictured).

Effluent disc filter project moves forward

Work on Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District's effluent disc filter project is moving forward with the arrival of six filters from Sweden. The filters have arrived on site and are being placed inside the building through a side wall. Contractors' work to connect the filters to existing systems is expected to continue over the remainder of the year.

The project involves the installation of an additional effluent filtration step as a tertiary level of treatment to enable the district to meet its

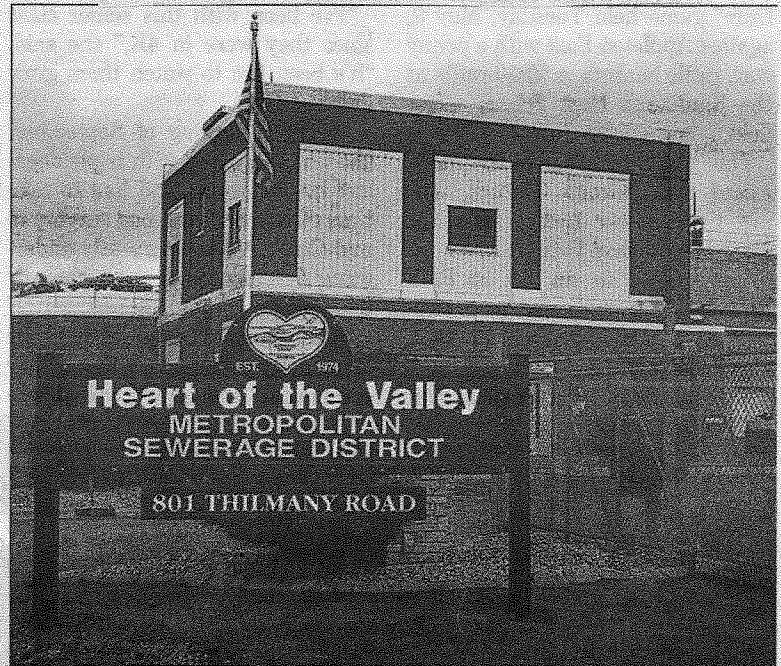
wastewater effluent permit requirements for suspended solids and phosphorus. The system is being installed in an existing building on the HOVMSD campus, using existing tanks. It will be fully integrated into the utility's control system.

"We're pleased with the progress on the project to date," said HOVMSD District Director Brian Helminger. "So far, it is proceeding according to schedule, and if all of the materials required to complete the project arrive on time it will continue to. We are hoping to have

the system installed and to begin performance testing before the end of this year.

Helminger says the project has also included required upgrades to the building's HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system as well as a new roof and additional locker room space for employees.

The project is being funded with a loan from the Clean Water Fund. More information about the project is available at hvmsd.org/disc-filter-project/.



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The Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District started pre-qualifying contractors for the interceptor project in March. The district will award a contract after receiving and reviewing bids.

Interceptor rehabilitation project moves forward with bid process

Work on the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Interceptor Rehabilitation Project is moving forward with the start of the public bidding process, which takes approximately eight weeks. HOVMSD started pre-qualifying contractors in March. The district will award a contract after receiving and reviewing bids.

Logistical coordination with the contractor and member communities will begin following the award of a contract. Construction activity is expected to begin later this summer and to conclude during 2024. More details will be available after a contractor has been selected, contracts have been signed and the contractor has completed their project schedule prior to beginning work.

"We've been working with Strategic Municipal Services and community partners on project design and performing the due diligence necessary for the project to proceed smoothly for some time

now," said Brian Helminger, HOVMSD Director. "We're excited to have moved into the bidding stage of the project."

During a video inspection in 2019, surface corrosion was discovered in a 5.5-mile concrete pipe that carries wastewater from nearly 60,000 residents to the HOVMSD treatment plant located in Kaukauna along the Fox River. The pipe was originally installed in 1977. By addressing the corrosion of the pipe now, the district will avoid a more costly repair or replacement at a later date and will prolong the useful life of the pipe by an estimated 50 years.

HOVMSD is planning community outreach efforts in the areas directly affected by the project as the start of work approaches.

"Our goal is to share as much information as possible, so residents are prepared and know what is happening and when," added Helminger.

More information about the project is available at hvmsd.org.