

MINUTES

HEART OF THE VALLEY METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON December 2, 2025 AT THE HEART OF THE VALLEY MSD MEETING ROOM

Members

Bruce Siebers - President

Present:

John Sundelius - Vice President

Patrick Hennessey - Secretary

Dave Casper - Commissioner

Kevin Coffey - Commissioner

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Brian Helminger - District Director HOVMSD

Tammy Noonan – Office Manager HOVMSD

Dustin Jerabek - Director of Operations & Maintenance
HOVMSD

Chad Giackino - Regulatory Compliance Manager
HOVMSD

Tim Degroot – Village of Combined Locks

Scott Schramm – Strategic Municipal Services

1. 12:00 p.m. Call to Order – Roll Call

President Siebers called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

2. Public Appearances

No appearances were made

3. Interceptor Rehab Project – Progress Update; Scott Schramm of Strategic Municipal Services

The weather has recently and abruptly transitioned into winter and the contractors have shut down Interceptor work for the winter. Scott Schramm of SMS provided the commission an overview of the interceptor rehab project.

The District conducted air quality monitoring with ODO logs both in and adjacent to Meter Station #3 due to odor complaints and potential safety concerns. Odo logs were positioned at the MS #3 property line and concurrently in the meter station basement. There were zero detects of H₂S registered at the property line while results in the meter station showed H₂S present in the meter station. Follow up Odo log testing focused on area manholes upstream from the MS #3 at the top of the hill on Santorum Road and on the sewer line on Vandenberg Lane. Both locations registered H₂S within the sewer system ahead of MS #3. Samples were collected and analyzed during air monitoring looking at organics, metals concentration, and sulfur compounds. The District will soon meet with Little Chute staff and share its findings with city staff.

A. November project progress – overall project updates

Scott provided the Commission a progress update of the overall interceptor rehab project. Site restoration in work areas was completed in late fall and with dropping soil temperatures, the grass seed isn't likely to germinate this year. Full acceptance of the restoration won't be possible until late Spring.

Contractors encountered MIC that had occurred between the existing coating and the concrete surfaces of select manholes. Additional efforts were necessary to remove the old coatings to get good adhesion of the new protective coatings. These conditions were found in isolated manholes including: #16, #26, #38, and MH38A. These manholes are all subject to a high-water table and it was determined that old construction joints allowed water to wick into the concrete taking a food source with it to support MIC bacteria. These structures are not unsound or leaking terribly, but rather just enough leakage occurs to support the MIC bacteria. SMS will look into options for sealing the external surfaces of these structures. Ground conditions will require soil borings as soil conditions will likely dictate that shoring and dewatering will be necessary to dry exterior surfaces for coatings. This work will become the basis for phase 6 of the overall Interceptor rehabilitation effort.

SMS was given verbal direction to investigate options to get the new and remaining work completed as soon as possible. The District will look at the options as its disposal to complete this work both timely and cost effectively.

B. Phase 5 – Manhole conditions and coatings discussion

Scott Schramm informed the Commission that all work associated with Phase 5 was not completed. When the phase 5 bypass pumping system was started up and the bottom of the manholes became visible, it became obvious that the corrosion in the channels was worse than expected. Visu determined that they would be unable to complete the additional work while also completing its other remaining contract work. The bypass pumping system used to support phase 5 work was dismantled and removed

4. Old and New Business

Commissioners were invited to come early for the regular 12/9/25 Commission meeting to eat and recognize Commissioner Casper as it will be the last meeting of his 32-year tenure as Commissioner. Pizza and refreshments will be provided as we thank Dave for his time, talents, and service to the District.

Helminger updated the Commission about software limitations and obsolescence of the existing TEAMS Asset Management Program. This software is not commercially supported and does not receive any programming updates. HOV staff are starting to evaluate our needs and will meet to discuss features and functions prior to evaluating alternative software to continue the asset program.

5. Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission a motion was made by Commissioner Sundelius and seconded by Commissioner Casper to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (Time: 2:38 PM)

SIGNED & APPROVED BY: _____
Patrick E. Hennessey, Secretary