

MINUTES

HEART OF THE VALLEY METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING HELD ON August 11, 2026 AT THE HEART OF THE VALLEY MSD MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Bruce Siebers – President
John Sundelius – Vice President
Patrick Hennessey - Secretary
Kevin Coffey – Via Phone
Tim De Groot - Commissioner

Absent: None

Also Present: Brian Helminger - District Director HOVMSD
Dustin Jerabek - Director of Operations & Maintenance HOVMSD
Chad Giackino - Regulatory Compliance Manager HOVMSD
Tammy Tucker – Office Manager HOVMSD
Scott Schramm – SMS

1. 5:00 p.m. Call to Order – Roll Call

President Siebers called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Public Appearances

No appearances were made.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

The minutes of the July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting, were presented to the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Sundelius and seconded by Commissioner Siebers to approve the minutes as written and presented. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes were reviewed by District Director Helminger and Commission Secretary Hennessey prior to the meeting.

4. Correspondence

The District completed and sent its written correspondence to DNR in objection to portions of the reissued WPDES permit. A post storm event email was sent to Commissioners informing them the District was operating as normal and other than a power blip was mostly unaffected by the 7/27 storm.

5. General Discussion Items

A. Interceptor Rehab Project – Monthly Activity Update

Scott Schramm of Strategic Municipal Services provided a written update to the Commission dated 8/2/2026.

An update was provided regarding the Visu contract as no construction activities have yet begun in 2026. A formal letter was sent to Visu with a reminder of the expectation that the project be completed in 2026 and that the contractor should commit to a schedule for project completion.

Both SMS and Great Lakes TV estimate approximately 4 to 6 weeks of work remains to complete the internal rehabilitation for phase 5 manholes. It was mentioned that coating work is temperature dependent and fall is fast approaching.

The Commission discussed problems with turf restoration. Topsoil placed by the contractor has resulted in significant weed growth, with approximately 50% grass and 50% weeds observed in some areas. The contractor has been directed to apply herbicide and then reseed and re mulch the affected areas.

SMS has requested schedule of work and prior confirmation before Visu and subcontractors come on site to work. The current target for on-site work is the week of September 8, 2026. Staff will contact Visu and Great Lakes to verify the schedule and obtain firm commitments for the remaining work.

B. Headworks Screening & Improvement Project – Monthly Update

Staff and Donohue met to go over details of the project and the scope includes not just replacing the screening equipment but also building improvements to meet building codes including a newly configured second floor.

The project remains on schedule for bidding this fall and contract closely following bid close. Donohue did mention that the procuring of the equipment will take up to 40 weeks from the date of order to delivery.

Donohue will provide a task order for construction related services that will include work inspection along with contract administration for the Commission to consider at a future meeting.

C. FOG Program – Monthly Activity Report

John Stoeger of Stoeger & Associates presented a written fats, oil, and grease update by community, including a grease trap inspection report and site visit correspondence. The Commission also received an itemized copy of the July invoice.

The District will include a reminder to all member communities requesting notification of new food-related businesses and encouraging member community staff to document and report potential grease-related issues observed in the collection system.

6. Plant Reports for July 2026

A. Flows & Revenues Report

The Commission received a copy of the hydraulic & organic loadings data, along with flow & strength projections, which shows the year-to-date surplus/deficit in revenue for the month of July 2026. Revenue received from the WPS-Fox Energy Center for effluent purchased in July was \$22,186.84. WPS-Fox Energy purchased 50% of the effluent produced in July. Revenue received to date for 2026 = \$109,520.90.

The average effluent concentrations for **July 2026** were as follows:

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Monthly Average</i>	<i>Permit Limit</i>
BOD-Biochemical Oxygen Demand	5.9 mg/L	30 mg/L
Suspended Solids	5.2 mg/L	30 mg/L
Suspended Solids	157 lbs.	801 lbs.
Phosphorus	.22 mg/L	1.0 mg/L
Ammonia	.19 mg/L	10 mg/L
Chlorides	703 mg/L	n/a

All permit values were met for July 2026.

B. Operations & Maintenance Report

Plant operations and treatment performed well throughout July. Severe storms on July 20 caused several power interruptions and a plant reset shortly before noon. The event damaged multiple pieces of equipment, knocking out an Actiflo polymer makeup skid, the Actiflo Peakflow alum pump HMI module, and the Peakflow hypochlorite pump HMI module.

The rebuild of Actiflo Turbine Pump #3 was delayed after the manufacturer discovered a bent baseplate and several broken bolts during reassembly. A replacement baseplate has been ordered, and completion is anticipated in late August. The Turbine Pump #3 Motor was evaluated and rebuilt by L&S Electric at a cost of \$9,850 and has returned and is ready for installation with the rebuilt pump.

Badger State Waste began hauling biosolids on July 29.

Actiflo MCC Room: The mini-split air conditioning unit failed during the late-June heat wave. Following evaluation by EC&D, replacement was determined to be more cost-effective than repair due to the age of the unit. A new unit was installed at a cost of \$12,768.

Biostyr Blower Building Air System: Two after-hours call-ins occurred during the week of July 13 and were traced to a malfunctioning air dryer that was restricting airflow. The air dryer was temporarily bypassed to restore operation, and a replacement unit was subsequently installed by Vacuum, Pump and Compressor at a cost of \$1,695.

Peakflow Pump #5: Following catastrophic failure during April high-flow conditions, the pump was disassembled and evaluated. Staff determined that replacement of the entire rotating assembly was more economical than repairing individual components. A new rotating assembly was purchased and installed at a cost of \$53,684.

Tekleen Unit: The electronic backwash controller failed this month. Due to the age of the controller, replacement of the complete \$1312 controller was selected over a repair.

7. Financials August 2026 Accounts Payable; Action for Approval

After a review of the bills payable, a motion was made by Commissioner Siebers and seconded by Commissioner Hennessey to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$417,223.70 A roll call vote was taken: Commissioner Siebers, yes; Commissioner Sundelius, yes; Commissioner Coffey, yes; Commissioner Hennessey, yes and Commissioner De Groot; yes; Motion carried unanimously. The Commission signed the check voucher register which includes general, pre-paid.

B. Budget Comparison Report

The Commission received a Budget Comparison Report, along with a verbal explanation of exceedances.

8. General Old or New Business

The District concluded the one-on-one meetings with Combined Locks and Kaukauna. Discussion on the meetings and their value resulted in agreement that meetings should continue next year.

PFAS monitoring activities will continue as required along with correspondence with the Wisconsin DNR regarding pending project reviews and NPDES permitting matters.

9. Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission a motion was made by Commissioner Sundelius and seconded by Commissioner Coffey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (Time: 5:40 PM)

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