

October IVSD Newsletter

The district has been quite busy the past few months, training and hiring new lift station operators, contracting for improvements to our lift stations, and contracting for a new on-site generator.

Here are the specifics:

The three new lift station operators, Joe Olszewski, Dave Edwards and Kyn Anthony, all are in training to learn the ins and outs of the three lift stations. The trio, trained by head lift station operator Sel Micka, and current lift station operators Jim Merten, Roger Brey and Troy Hamidi, have been given instruction on a variety of tasks, including lift station maintenance, trouble shooting, problem solving, and hooking up the portable generator to each lift station (if needed). Anthony, along with Brey, and commissioners Ron Harrell and Tom Konrad, attended a Smith&Loveless pump school in Hortonville August 29 to learn more about the pumps that are located in each lift station.

The commissioners voted 3-0 September 12 to buy and have installed six Smith&Loveless Sonic Start Streamlined pump upgrade kits to reduce the maintenance time/load on the pumps in the three lift stations. Black Wolf Sanitary District has used the kits for the past few years and have found them to be labor and cost effective. Energenecs received the contract for the work, and the six kits are currently scheduled to be installed before the middle of October. Purchase and installation of the kits will cost the district about \$7,200.

Because of the flooding, power outages and storm damages proliferating around the world in the past few years, commissioners voted 3-0 at the September 12 meeting to purchase and have installed a 50KW Generac generator at Lift Station #2 on Channel View. The natural gas generator, coupled with the on-site generator at Lift Station 1 and the District's portable generator that can now be dispatched solely to Lift Station 3, will provide the district with another safeguard against power failures and other problems at Lift Station #2. Based on bids received, the district purchased the generator from Wolter Power Systems and has contracted the rest of the installation and electrical work through Witzke Electric. Because of a backlog of orders from around the nation, the generator will probably be installed in late November. Cost of the generator project will be around \$40,000.

In order to keep the IVSD in good shape, the commissioners urge residents to continue to be wise about material that they send into the system and to keep sump pump and groundwater directed to the culverts, lake or other areas outside the home.

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