

Northdale Sanitary District  
Board of Trustees  
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April 9, 2021

Re: Notice of Public Meeting

Dear Resident:

Please be advised that the monthly public meeting of the Northdale Sanitation District will take place at 7:00pm Tuesday April 13, 2020 at the community hall located at 4925 Saratoga Drive. Among the agenda items will be the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources award of loan funding for a planned re-route of our sewer line and infrastructure. Contrary to comments made in local media, the District's application for State funding for this important project has been the subject of numerous public meetings. The Board of Trustees has welcomed and continues to welcome public participation on these important issues.

As has been discussed in public meetings, the Sanitary District has a forced sewer main in East Daisy Drive. Engineering professionals were retained to address any threats to the District's equipment and infrastructure, along with any threat of interruption of service to our residents. At public meetings, this issue was addressed and a planned re-route of the sewer system was put together by the engineer, along with preliminary estimate of costs. The Black Hills Council of Local Governments was called by Meade County to assist affected homeowners at the onset of the sinkhole. At that time, they encouraged the Sanitary District to apply for financial assistance from the State DENR for the cost to reroute the forced sewer main in East Daisy Drive. Their leadership assisted our District with the application process because they felt there was sympathy for what occurred and that it was possible that a grant (rather than a loan) would be awarded for the project. The Board of Water & Natural Resources voted to not award a grant but instead approved a 20-year loan for the estimated project cost of \$440,000 at 2% interest. As part of the application process, the District's rates were reviewed and found to be well below average and unsustainably low.

The District has not accepted the loan award. The terms are being reviewed in light of what work is needed and alternatives to fund the project, if any. The public's input on these issues is welcomed and necessary. Finally, the Board would encourage interested residents to consider serving on the Board. According to State law, a district our size needs a Board of Trustees between three and five members. We currently only have two (2) members. For several months the Board has publicly advised of these openings and opportunities. The Board holds public meetings the second Tuesday of each month at the same time and location.

Thank you.

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