NORTH HOUGHTON COUNTY WATER AND SEWAGE AUTHORITY
DATE: 2/23/26.

Meeting was called to order by Gasperich at 12:01 pm

ROLL CALL: Kalcich, LaRochelle, Coppo, Zubiena, Mukavetz, Gasperich, Primeau

Others Present: Heikkila, Bjorn, Lindbeck

Heikkila presented the previous meeting's minutes, Gasperich noted that there was an error in the date of previous meeting.

Motion Mukavetz 2nd Primeau to approve the
1/26/25 minutes as presented with the corrected previous minutes date; Carried.

Projects
Bjorn informed the board that the Phase 1 project will be officially closed out this week. He presented a final Draw request as well as a certificate of substantial completion. The draw request included work performed by UPEA and Bacco Construction. Heikkila inquired about the substantial completion date, as some items installed were not tested to due to sequence of operations by the sewer authority. Equalization Basins were not in use after installation of a valve and a valve extension. Substantial completion date is 7/6/25 so items will be tested before warranty expires. There was a total of $19,740.10 of unused funds for the job, making the grand total for the phase 1 project $4,600,259.90.

DR# 19
Bjorn presented a resolution for draw request # 19, this DR was an invoice from UPEA in the amount of $7,803.78 as well as a pay app from Bacco for $12,750.00.

Motion LaRochelle, 2nd Zubiena to approve
*The Resolution in the amount of $*20,553.78 *as presented; Carried.*
Ayes: 7
Nayes: 0
Absent: 0

Certificate of Substantial Completion
Motion Mukavetz, 2nd Coppo to approve
The Certificate of Substantial Completion as presented; Carried.

UPEA General Services
Bjorn presented an invoice for services provided that included help on the Egle permit reissuance and the Annual CSO report.

Motion Zubiena, 2nd Kalcich to approve
*The invoice in the amount of $*3,437.00 *as presented; Carried*

Other
Gasperich updated the board on the water company purchase talks. At this point nothing new was reported, a discussion was held on viability of starting a completely new water distribution system.

Heikkila informed the board that he had received the fully executed MIO TAC PDAP grant agreement, and that Bendzinski & Co had started the Sewer Rate Study.

Public Comment
Mr. Lindbeck introduced himself as a civil engineer with OHM, and stated he was sitting in at local municipalities' open meetings to introduce himself and get a feel for needs in the local area.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion Coppo 2nd Mukavetz to pay monthly bills totaling $72,095.79
as presented; Carried.

Motion Kalcich 2nd Zubiena to adjourn at 12:25 pm; Carried.

Recorded by,

Cleve Heikkila

Submitted by,

Tom Primeau
Secretary