



RIDGEWAY

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Iowa County, Wisconsin

To: Board of Trustees

RE: Sludge

From: Public Works/Village Office

September 7, 2023

In the fall of 2022, the Village of Monticello was performing a Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade and was limited for sludge storage. Previous discussion between mutual engineer Delta3, Monticello PW and Jeff Brindley, was that Ridgeway had adequate space to take on the additional sludge. General discussion was that the Village of Monticello would pay for the sludge hauling costs and would pay for disposal costs. Ridgeway WWTF accepted 54,900 gallons of sludge along with South Wayne accepting 12,200 and Darlington accepting 23,300.

Jordan Fure, Delta3 estimated costs at \$0.05 per gallon and suggested Ridgeway invoice for 54,900 gallons x \$0.05/gal for a total of \$2,745. Invoice 2023-02 was sent in accordance with Jordan's email on May 10, 2023. The invoice was paid in full by the Village of Monticello in the amount of \$2,745.

The above was determined as staff was completing the 2022 CMAR Report. On August 30, 2023 current operator Dale Peterson requested that the discussion be revisited considering that 54,900 gallons of sludge from Monticello was processed thru Ridgeway WWTF into our GeoTube, sludge dewatering system. One GeoTube is filled at 30,000 gallons. Our cost to dispose of one GeoTube from this spring was \$5168.35.

The Village of Monticello paid the Village of Ridgeway \$2745 per guidance from our mutual Engineer, Delta 3, at the proposed fee of \$.05/gallon, which is what we charge Septic Haulers to dump at our facility.

It was asked to be revisited as our costs to dispose of the Village of Monticello's sludge was much higher than the \$.05/gallon and we are still in possession of approximately 24,900 gallons of Monticello's sludge. While we certainly want to help neighboring facilities, we cannot operate doing so at our own ratepayer's expense. It was preferred by the current WWTF operator that Monticello just take sludge back. Jordan Fure, Delta3, responded to the revisited discussion that Monticello could accept the sludge volume back, but Monticello would not be responsible for paying the disposal fee to Ridgeway and Ridgeway would be responsible for trucking the sludge back to them.

Monticello paid the trucking costs to deliver the 54,900 gallons of sludge to Ridgeway's WWTF.

It would cost Ridgeway around \$5,347 to return 54,900 gallons of sludge back to Monticello. It roughly costs \$10,000 to dispose of the sludge received from Monticello.

We could invoice to cover the remaining costs for the path chosen by the board but we don't have room for our own sludge without the second GeoTubes removal this year and the DPW prefers that Monticello take back the gallons of sludge but doesn't feel that Ridgeway WWTF customers should pay to haul it.