

Minutes: Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: February 19, 2019 5:30PM

In Attendance: Lana Beregszazi, Consulting Board; Brooks Langeloh; Board Member, Don Amber; Board Member, Walt Crowder, Board Member; Mark Pepple, Board Member; Chad Nix, Board Member; Matt Shipman, Legal Counsel Ted Nitza, Engineer; Dawn Dragnev, Administrative Support

Nix calls meeting to order at 5:32PM

1. Administrative

- a. Approval of Minutes from December & January meeting
*Amber motions to approve the December minutes. Crowder seconds.
Nix, Amber, Crowder, Langeloh: Aye. Pepple abstained.
Pepple motions to approve January minutes. Langeloh seconds.
Nix, Pepple, Crowder, Langeloh: Aye, Amber abstained.
Shipman noted the Executive Session, Special Meeting and Q&A minutes will need to be approved at the next meeting.*
- b. Status updates on partner agreements
 - i. Columbia City
Beregszazi stated there is no update on the Columbia City agreement. The City is still waiting to hear back from the rate consultant on what the wholesale rate will look like. The City looking at connection fees of an industrial nature for project areas over 20 homes, which Coesse would qualify for. She went on the state that she needs to set up another meeting with Shipman and the city attorney to negotiate terms and Crowder is more than welcome to attend. Crowder stated he followed up and the information he received is the city is still waiting to hear back. Shipman agreed the wait is on his end and he should have it cleared up the next day.
 - ii. Churubusco – ready for signature
Beregszazi stated thought the agenda says its ready for signature the agreement still needs to be approved by the city attorney. She has met with each town council member individually. She thinks the draft interlocal agreement and the points that were brought up with council member need to be brought to the town attorney, so he can draft up a revision which Shipman would then review.
 - iii. Aqua Indiana Cooperation Agreement
Beregszazi has not connected with Tom Bruns regarding Aqua Indiana area connection fees. Crowder asked if the agreement with Aqua Indiana is to have them be the treatment provider. Beregszazi confirmed and stated all of the treatment agreements being considered are similar in nature the terms are just specific to each treatment provider.
- c. Billing and Admin
 - i. Munilink

Beregszazi explained what billing and administrative services include; financial reports, processing of liens, billing customers and managing phone calls as well as full office management and administration. Beregszazi stated she has considered Munilink as the ebilling service provider. \$8.37 would be the administrative cost per customer at the current customer count. Beregszazi stated she is open presenting competitive bids for e-billing services.

Crowder stated he would like to one to two more service providers for competition and cost analysis. Shipman asked if there would be RFQs for these service providers and stated that other RSDs go through this process to handle e-billing. Beregszazi stated she has those and can pass them along. Shipman stated RFQs allow cost comparison with budgeting and running things through Indiana state board of accounts. Nix agreed that RFQs need to be done before deciding. Nix stated this should be added to next month's agenda to address again.

Beregszazi brought up the professional services agreement from Lori Shipman regarding income surveys for Laud and Coesse as well as a scope of work for USDA loan applications for the same areas. Beregszazi stated she believes the OCRA grants should be sought after first. The proposal state d\$4,000 for Laud and \$4,000 for Coesse. 50% is due up front and the other 50% when the survey is completed and presented to the board. Shipman stated if the board feels more comfortable doing an RFQ for those services then they should. Amber stated he thinks Lori is top notch, but he agrees with Shipman just to keep everything above board, that an RFQ should be done. Crowder agreed she is top notch but agrees to move forward with RFQs.

Beregszazi wanted to clarify that her recommendation was to move forward with the income survey with the OCRA grants and USDA finance application process. She asked if the board wanted her to move forward with creating RFQs for grant funding and income surveys or just one or the other. Shipman explained that in order to received OCRA grants it needs to be proven that an area qualifies for them by doing income surveys.

Crowder asked what the starting point is to getting grant funding. Beregszazi stated that Laud was approved conditionally to have the grant funding to have it move forward at the feasibility level of cost.

Beregszazi asked the board for what direction to move in regarding the funding. Nix entertained a motioned to create an RFP and go from there. Pepple motioned. Amber seconded. Nix, Langeloh, Amber, Pepple, Crowder: Aye. Beregszazi asked if they have any grant funder they would like to send it out to. Nix stated he would like three.

2. Public Comment (Max 3 minutes)

TIMOTHY PATRICK 6444 SOUTH HACKNEY DRIVE

Last night I attended your-I'll try to keep this to three minutes-and I attended your meeting. Don't like some of the things how it worked out. I felt like the control had been taken away from us and placed in hands that it shouldn't have been placed in. I've seen the tactics of trying to deploy entities to take up time and that's what I seen last night, ok. You kinda know where I was headed last night. Are all the board members here tonight? Still missing two. OK. When are we going to have-uh I can't ask a question but- when are we going to have a meeting with all members? OK. OK. On the agenda tonight you plan on, one of the goals you plan on this evening is the hiring an engineer firm. Correct? After a lot of research, and then I've contacted Mr. Shipman in this regard, I've contacted Mr. Nix in this regards, I've contacted our public access counselor in this regards, I've contacted Lana in this regards. In your local media source, you were supposed to place a

public notice asking for engineering firms to submit proposals to this board, correct? I just received an email back from the *Post and Mail* today the only public notices that they received from December 10, which is when you said you were going to start looking for engineer firms, from January 15th the only public notices posted, were about meetings. And I can print these emails out for you. So in regards to voting for your firms until we can answer why, these public notices weren't posted I would postpone your vote tonight. Take that where you want to go. There are several things, I still see not much paperwork for us to view tonight. I asked to see the treasurer's reports and minutes of meetings and, you guys are our public servants and we have a right to look at all this information. I may say more at another time but, thank you gentlemen for your time.

DOUGLAS ALAN DYSON 3630 EAST STATE ROAD 14

What I wonder is how you can you move forward. We have several requests for covenant documents and we've got none of them. This board as no bylaws, no bylaws whatsoever, and they're going right ahead. How do you operate a business like this? You guys are, you know, you're trustees, we just, you now, we, you say you don't get paid. Is that the bylaws. Oh Lord, God, how long did I ask for this Matt? A long time, well thank you very much. But uh, I appreciate you getting that there. But my question is you guys are all, you guys, you guys all take an oath to the Constitution and all of ya? You got em on file all of ya? I know you do Don. You guys take an oath? Do you have bonds on file too? Do you have a bond on file? OK and now my next question is these securities that you're selling. I've been having, Matt says he get em to me tonight on this bond ordinance. You guys are strapping us the, the burden on our back, to sell securities off of our property, so you can get your money correct? Can you explain Mr. Shipman? OK, well, I guess we'll deal with that in other issues then. Next.

CINDY WEIST 7701 EAST 800 S-92 FORT WAYNE INDIANA

I didn't prepare anything to say tonight. But I do want to applaud the board members that are there so far. Because I've seen a substantial change between last meeting and this meeting. Last meeting I thought you guys were kind of like doe in the headlights just going forward without knowing anything. At least tonight I see that you are asking some questions and helping everybody understand what's going on and I truly appreciate that. Because if you guys can't understand it, Lord knows we can't understand what's going on ether. So I do want to say-applaud you guys for doing some due diligence in that way. I thank you again for your attendance last night. Four of the five of you were there. I think it did help to kinda clear some things to and bring some other things to light also. I do want to bring attention to the letter that was handed out by Mr. Quilhot, again, last night and today. That has been send to IDM it has been sent to the board and it's been hand delivered to everybody now. It's not a petition necessarily, it's just a letter, with signatures of support I think, fifty...five signatures of support. Letting you know what our major concerns are, and we didn't just deliver that to the boards we also handed that to people that were interested also just to kind of let them know where we stand so I hope you folks will take that into heart. Again, not a petition just a letter of our concerns and we thank you for your attention to this matter and hope you can understand why we're kind of questioning things. Thank you very much gentlemen.

DAVID QUILHOT 6425 EAST 1000S-92 ROANOKE

I just want to second what Cindy said about you're all servants to the community and all this. I know it's a tough job and a thankless job for less than little pay. The, all the issues that have been discussed at all these meetings that I have been to have been very heart felt and emphatic on both sides. I think the decisions that you have to make going forward from this I think a lot of those decisions have been giving a lot of new thought after the meeting last night. You were there, but anyway. Uh and my suggestion to this board would be to slow down a little bit enough issues have been raised. Concerns with everything affecting this that things are making sense to a lot of people and from your reactions last night a lot of things didn't make sense

to you as a board. And I think because of that it's time to just take a step back. You know the tactic that's been thrown out that grant monies, we gotta get this in, we gotta do this, we gotta move fast. That is a tried and true tactic of any agency that's going for money from anybody. Make the urgency of the matter so pressing that you guys are forced into a decision. I think that would be wrong and foolish to go in, make a decision, with that kind of pressure. Because money is there and let's say we've got to step back a year. That's doable. For what could be a huge penalty for a lot of people. You know we keep reaching out to, all these, you know you talk about OCRA you talk about these, gazillion places you're trying to get money. When you look at our nation right now that's facing 22 trillion dollars in debt and people wonder how we can except that. When we're willing to accept money grabs like this, where getting grant money and free money and low interest money, somewhere, somebody's gotta pay for that. And I think it's too easily throwing out that this money is free to the taking. The USDA in Washington has over 18,000 people on their payroll. That is just working on this type of work. And people want to figure out where all the money is going, it's that type of thing that this money is being spent on. My opinion that our sewer problem in Whitley County is a Whitley County problem. We shouldn't be asking for people in Indianapolis, Evansville or anywhere else to pay for our problem. I think if we're going to have a sewer district, let's make it a county wide sewer district. Let's bring everybody in, everybody pays county wide for recycling, everybody pays county wide for roads. Let's just open the umbrella and bring everybody in under it. Let's float, we'll float an idea like that. Talk about that and it wouldn't be a popular one but, it's a discussion worth having. Thank you.

MICHAEL BRAUN 1131 EAST WILDWOOD DRIVE

This is my first sewer board meeting, attending. So, I apologize if this is the wrong time to bring this issue up. I just wanted to bring to light, I'm a new resident to Blue River Estates. I was welcomed in December by a neighbor that uh was nice and pleasant, but I thought it was odd that they brought up that they were worried about a sewer district being brought into their community, or in the neighborhood. I thought it was strange until about two weeks ago when I realized I was having septic issues. And uh, I done some investigation on my own and found out there's more septic issues back there than people want to admit to. And I've got 4 children in my house and a wife. When we moved into the house, we couldn't purchase the home until the well had been shocked. And the reason being because of the fecal bacteria. And it had to be shocked twice before it got good test results that was saying that it was clean enough for drinking and cleaning. So, that being said, I just wanted to bring the issue back to light. I was told that it had been looked into once before and I thought it should be reevaluated.

PETE ESHELMAN 6755 E 900 S COLUMBIA CITY INDIANA

I want to thank this board for allowing me to speak but also in the past meetings considering really the views of everyone, particularly in the Southeast Jefferson Township. I think, a couple meetings that I've been to I think you've had very open minds to hearing a lot of the issues and I think that's very commendable. We moved to Whitley County about 30 years ago. And to put this in perspective we lived on a dirt road. My wife would hand out Mike's Carwash certificates to anyone that would come visit us, because their cars would get so dirty. The school system had some issues but I just, in the big picture the county's come a long, long way in 30 years. The roads are fixed up, got a great new school system coming in. It's a very desirable place to live and a super quality of life. I want to go on the record that I believe, connecting my particular properties to the sewer is the best approach for environmental stewardship and managing the septic elimination need for our properties and will helps others to do the same. I also want to the board to know, and I think you do know, that the decision to connect my properties to a sewer was at the recommendation of the Whitley County health department. And I followed their advice and recommendations, in particular Scott Wagner. The health department and the Whitley County board of health, who I've appeared in front of several times, are fully aware of our facilities and our engineering plans and the Whitley County board of health has

commended our efforts to provide and environmentally sound long term septic elimination solution. So the requirements for properties, my properties to connect was not a requirement I put on. It was a requirement mandated by the department of health in Whitley County. And that mandate is out of my hands. In other words, if other people need to connect to it, I have nothing to do with that. That is basically your all's decision on how you approach that. But I do want to go on record saying I am sensitive to the financial issues that may be imposed on those that are required to hook up. And I'm hopeful that you all as a board will come up with some creative solutions for those in need. And I think last night there was discussion about really what would be go into to so. So really if someone can't afford to do it you know, a creative solution to help out would really, I think be a positive thing. I just want to close and say this that, I think you gotta look at this thing in the big picture. A great National Geographic article several years ago and it talked about the four, five, six great bread baskets in the world, geographic areas in the world, that will uh, basically feed humanity. This area is one of them. The great lakes and the aquifer that we have is one of them. And there's nothing more important than making sure that environmental stewardship is applied, and it is managed and uh you all, like Don you said, learn with us, I think we're all learning. But I think the big picture here is what can we do to the environmentally sensitive in the county and work together. So I believe what you're doing it best, really for the county and the locals that you're involved in so, thank you very much.

DIANE KENNEDY 8801 S 700 E COLUMBIA CITY

I attended the very first community meeting, on this topic being discussed, on June 26, 2018. At that time the plan was to go down 900 South from the Joseph Decuis Farm to County Line road and connect with Aqua Indiana, on the other side of County Line Road in Allen County. At the time it was proposed that Pete Eshleman would be privately financing this project, to take care of his, problem. And homeowners along 900 South would have the option, it would not be mandatory, they would have the option of connecting if they wanted to. There was one individual on 900 in particular, who was very interested in connecting and he was at the meeting last night and he also said he was still interested. There's only a handful of homes on 900, five or six besides the Joseph Decuis Farm property. So, the number of people that would be affected would be probably about five. Instead at the very, at the last meeting, we had before the community meeting it was discussed that that no longer was the plan. The plan was to go down 700 to 800 and pick up some house along County Line Road. Many more people would be affected, it would no longer be an option and would be mandatoried, regardless, if the homeowner had issues with their septic or not. I don't think this is fair. The original plan I thought was much, fairer and people are vilifying the Eshelman's. I don't think they are doing anything except trying to take care of their problem. I believe the issues is with Ms. Lana trying to pull in as many home owners as possible to do septic elimination. So, going down 900 would affect the least amount of people. However, it would not achieve her goal of septic elimination. I think you, know, pitting homeowner against homeowner is not right. Neighbor against neighbor we need to do this so everybody is happy, people are not, people with financial problem are not further burdened, so, that's all I have to say.

MIKE DAVIS 7901 E 900 S

Good evening, I want to thank you for allowing me to speak. I'm one of those people need to have a sewer hookup with Aqua, OK? I talked to Aqua a number of times. From what I understand, that there's a uh, an agreement with Whitley County concerning, Whitley County will get the septic elimination and Aqua would get the new, the new business. If there is some way that, that could be relaxed. And I talked to them this morning a couple of times. I've lived there about 40 years, from what I understand septic systems are uh, have a life cycle of about 30 years. So when is my septic system gonna start draining to the creek behind my house, that's not on my property. But at what point, would that happen? I don't know. Thank you.

TERRY MARTIN 9049 S 700 E-92

The pitting neighbor against neighbor thing was brought to light to me on the way here today. I came down one of our back county roads and I saw a guy that I didn't, I've never seen him in my life. He waved to me and I waved back to him and I smiled. I thought, that's it, that's what I remember about living in the country. This is, turned into an all-around bad deal. I have a license with Indiana and Ohio Department of Environmental Management, I have a background in cross contamination. The Eshelman's have a beautiful facility over there. And I'm not gonna say that anybody that doesn't drive by it, wouldn't love it. It's beautiful and we tolerate a lot because of it. Excessive travel down the road, trollies, music late at night. I've heard ever rendition of Mony Mony, you know. But it's OK because it's a beautiful complex and I have no problem with Mr. Eshelman putting a sewer down my road. They make a lot of money on what they do. They charge, there's at the bottom of the bill, you pay for their sewer usage. So, he puts the sewer in he gets reimbursed for it. There's an end date for him, never for me. At roughly \$150 a month for the rest of my life that's a new car payment. I'm getting ready to retire, always wanted to buy a new truck. Guess what? Now I have to decide whether I flush my toilet or I get a new truck. So, unless he puts a sewer in we've all been told, he'll have to shut down by August. I have no problem with him putting a sewer in but I have a problem with the fact that I am being made to tie into that sewer. I think if everyone has a sewer, a septic system in right now, and you mandate they have to look at it, and deem that it's OK, if not, give them a chance to fix it. Stable Acres especially. Give 'em a shot, give em a chance to fix what they got. Mr. Quilhot's right, don't rush into this thing, there's no sense to rush into this, let's make it right. As far as the Eshelman's go I think it's a bit of a misdirection. They've, Pete's said yeah this is environmentally the best thing to do. I don't think anyone's ever going to ever argue with that. The E.coli was found in the creek. Unfortunately the E.coli was found downstream the Eshelman's house, and the cattle field. Well, with what I do, we usually try to go both sides and pinch, pinch it in before we decide where the problem actually is. I have photographs here, of his cattle pasture with, literally thousands of cow patties in it. There's manure from Indiana. If you look at a hard rain, how it comes down, the entire field every square inch of it runs directly into the creek. And at the bottom of the pictures you can see that the creek is dead level with the pasture. I think maybe our E.coli problem is coming from the cattle pasture. I think maybe. I, I find it hard to believe, my wife and I work eight hours a day, we sleep eight hours a day, we're home eight hours a day and we flush our toilet roughly, six to eight times. One gallon every flush. I really find it hard to believe that my eight gallons is causing an E.coli problem. That it's going through my four acres, under the road, through the field, across the pasture and getting into that creek. I would rather think that it's probably the problem of the cattle themselves. So, I feel like if they, if they could just step back and look at this thing for a second, maybe worry about where this E.coli's coming from, in the meantime let him put his sewer in. Got no problem with it. And then if we deem down the road that it's, it's still there. Maybe we need to look at it and say let's let's work with the cattle pasture and not so much with the half a dozen residents on my road there's really only, seven people that are gonna be, that will have to tie in. The rest of them already have new mound systems, or they have ten acres, there's, so really, from uh, a standpoint of monies, you're gonna make six or seven people tie into this thing and you're gonna make them pay \$150 a month for the rest of their life plus a ten, twelve-thousand-dollar basic fee to tie in? I- this my third time around, I've done this three- this will be my third time around. OK and this is my third time around and I know just to get an electrician to run your power to your grinder, is gonna cost you a thousand dollars right off the bat. Thank you.

DENITA PATRICK SOUTH HACKNEY DRIVE (came up after public comment period)

I-my husband called, the lab where Scott took the test. The person there didn't even know what BST is. OK? So, I would urge you to look at the forecast for that whole week that he took that test and that was the most water we've had in our addition in a long time. And those BST tracking tests, they cost like \$50-\$150, not \$400.

3. Projects in Preliminary Investigative Report Phase

a. Gateway East (Columbia City)

Nitza is brought forward to provide an update on the study area. There are two opportunities for connection points at due east of the industrial park the other is due west by to the existing subdivision. 36-46 potential connections. Different options will continue to be put forward and costs will be brought in and the report should be presented at the March or April board meeting.

b. Collamer (South Whitley)

Nitza stated no further investigative work has been done. The board is waiting to decide based on other factors first. The report from Collamer is still the same.

c. SE Jefferson Township Septic Elimination Project #1 (Aqua Indiana)

i. Update regarding Q&A meeting on February 18

Beregszazi stated she wanted to reiterate that the same answers to the same questions are given each time; we are wanting to be transparent. The issue is there are many variables in each project area and can add to the community's confusion. They answered as many questions as possible. There are also others who are in support and tend to say it in private or emails and phone calls. Beregszazi stated Wagner also took samples in Stable Acres and SE Jefferson Township area again and there were E.coli levels of greater than 2400 PPM. The samples that were taken were far outside of the farm area and could not be affected by the animals with the objective to identify contamination coming from septic tanks. The sample taken from the ditch outside of Stable Acres 20 PPM.

Beregszazi stated she is trying to pick up as much septic elimination as possible so she would rather run a sewer line and pick up as many septic tanks as possible. Amber stated that Mr. Wagner wanted to be a good steward of the county's money. For \$400 he could find out if there was E.coli. But for an additional \$400 test costs it can be used to determine what mammal the bacteria came from. Crowder stated he also had a discussion with Wagner and there is a DNA with E.coli for extra cost that can be done to determine where it came from. Several residents shouted out that the board and health department should pay the money to have tests done to determine where the bacteria are coming from. Amber encouraged people to come forward if they have something to say.

Beregszazi stated that Mr. Davis has requested an exception to the agreement with Aqua Indiana. Beregszazi voiced that whichever provider can connect the customer at the lowest cost then they should go ahead. That if Aqua Indiana can connect them for lower cost than they should. Nix stated a procedure should be put into place for existing sewer lines for consistency.

Shipman stated that is a Health Department issue. Nix asked if the mandate needs to come from the county. Shipman confirmed. Shipman stated that if the source of contamination is found there will be thousands of dollars that need to be used to eradicate it by putting in a new system instead of connection to a sewer line.

Amber made a motion to go back to June of 2018 and have Eshelman run his sewer line straight east from 900 to 800. He does not want the WRSD to be involved in forcing connection and wants to let the health department take care of it. Beregszazi asked if that would be regardless of connection costs and design costs. Crowder and Amber stated yes.

Shipman asked for clarification on what Amber was asking for. Amber wanted to go back to the original agreement. Crowder seconded.

Langeloh asked if the board can dictate if the WRSD can state where someone runs a line. Shipman stated the impact is the people that are currently adjacent to an Aqua line that are non-permitted or noncompliant will get a letter from the health department. Crowder stated that there is a timeline for the Eshelman with August being the deadline.

Eshelman proposed if anyone wants to hook up in the line he's paying for he's OK with it. Beregszazi said she's suggested that and Wagner is insisting that people who have non-compliant systems will need to hook up if they are along the line.

Crowder asked if the SE Jefferson Township area needs to be addressed at this time and asked if the entire project can be taken out at this time. Beregszazi said no because Eshelman needs to build his line. Crowder asked if it's worth having the sewer district spend money on that project area to pick up the additional homes. A resident in the crowd asked if they are going to require Eshelman to run a private sewer.

Nix asked if there was further discussion for the motion. Langeloh stated that he doesn't have a preference for which way Eshelman needs to run the line; he stated that it should be left to the health department to force the connections. Beregszazi stated she has suggested that in the past. For a septic elimination perspective, it makes more sense to go down that line. Beregszazi stated she is in favor of letting the Eshelmans put in their sewer line and let the Health Department mandate connections.

Amber reminded Nix his motion is to run down 900. Nix asked for all in favor for the board to have the project move back to June 2018 to have the project move down 900 South to County Line Road to Aqua Indiana. Seconded by Crowder. Nix, Amber, Pepple, Crowder: Aye, Langeloh: Nay Motion passed. 4/1 Langeloh wanted to clarify he wanted people to have an option to connect.

Amber motioned that board remove Stable Acres from 2018-01 package of engineering design. Amber cautioned that before the crowd started clapping the board of health did not have an option in the past and if the project gets pulled and there are problems Wagner can force residents to make changes.

Crowder asked about pulling southeast Jefferson Township. Beregszazi stated that project is not in the engineering proposals.

Nix asked for a second. Crowder seconds with a question. Crowder asked to hear some feedback from the people who live there.

JOHAN BERNARD

I'm with the Stable Acres association. So you've lifted the burden so thank you very much I don't know what else to say. But, and there's not, everybody in Stable Acres, is not represented here, there's a lot more people and uh, I understand what Lana was saying that people coming up to you that they want, the uh, system, because they have failing systems. And if I was in that position I guarantee it, I would be in the same thing, I'd come up and tell ya, I want to be a part of it. But the three criteria says 50% more has to approve for that. And that has never happened and uh, so I think with going with what the majority is, I think

that's the property way of doing it. You really took me by surprise Don and I really, really appreciate it. Thank you.

Nix stated his concern living in Jefferson Township himself that once the health department starts mandating it's going to get expensive really quick. A question from the floor is what will happen to Laud if Stable Acres is taken out. Shipman stated that it would not be feasible. Langeloh stated that the loan officer and inspectors can create mandates. Shipman stated even if Amber's motion passes it's not a permanent fix. Beregszazi Aqua Indiana's \$500,000 funding is not guaranteed if it the project area is brought up again in the future. She also reminded the board and the crowd that will mean the WRSD would hand the project over to Wagner at the board of health and it's for him to do with it what he chooses. Someone in the crowd asked if that means Wagner will come out and start checking septic tanks. Several board members indicated that would likely be the case. Amber stated the first time he sees this being an issue is when someone tries to sell their house and they are told they need a septic check and it won't pass they will need to put in a new mound system. Someone shouted out at the back there are no laws in the state of Indiana that mandate that. A few board members confirmed that is true. Amber said he thought it was loan officers that enforce that. Langeloh stated that he can attest to that, certain loans require septic and water tests.

Amber makes a call for a vote. Nix stated the motion on the table is to remove Stable Acres from the bid package, project #4 which was seconded by Crowder. Amber, Pepple, Crowder: Aye, Nix and Langeloh: Nay. Motion passed 3/2

4. Projects in Engineering Design Phase

- a. District Engineer to review design packages for 2018-1 and 2018-2
- b. RFQ 2018-1
 - i. Selection of Design firm(s)

Beregszazi stated with the Stable Acres being voted out causes issues with the RFQs that were submitted. With elimination of the Stable Acre, Laud is automatically not feasible. The straight forward project areas are West and South Churubusco and Dunfee and East County Line Road South and Stable Acres.

Beregszazi invited Nitza to come forward and explain engineering costs and analysis.

Nitza explains his scoring and evaluation process. Nitza stated he is looking for the most qualified firm and puts a lot of weigh into the team. Nitza stated the three firms that were short listed (JPR, VS and Commonwealth) were all qualified for the specific work. He believed the board is best suited choosing each firm. His recommendation was Commonwealth for Dunfee and ECLRS area due to experience with Aqua. VS with both Churubusco projects and JPR for Coesse area. Nitza also stated that the board would have Beregszazi and Shipman go back to each firm for specific contracts for each project area and create a new contract. Crowder asked for clarification regarding JPRs quoted total price. Nitza stated that would be part of the process that Beregszazi would need to bring up with the firms when going back to them to renegotiated terms and contracts. Crowder stated he is concerned with JPR and the need to go with three firms and thinks two are perfect to manage and he is not fully aware of project scope for Coesse.

Amber motions to give Churubusco South and West projects to VS Engineering. Langeloh

seconds. Crowder asked again for clarification that this information is needed for cost analysis. Amber stated he thought VS had the best interview and appreciated that they would be holding public meetings and keep the community involved and he thought they had a straight forward approach. Crowder stated he is concerned about the low cost from JPR. Langeloh asked what will happen with grants now that Stable Acres has been removed. Beregszazi stated that it doesn't lower the rate for everyone else because there are less EDUs to distribute the costs across. Commonwealth stated the scope and fees can be renegotiated and that each project area was approached individually.

Nix called for a vote to allow VS Engineering to do West and South Churubusco. Amber, Pepple, Crowder, Nix, Langeloh: Aye. Motion passed 5/0

East County Line Road South and Dunfee Package

Shipman asked Nitza what the benefit was to have three different firms and stated it seemed like a lot of extra meetings and scopes. Nitza stated the concern is valid but with this situation with doing work in parallel it allows work to be done quicker. It also allows for collaboration and better packaging. Beregszazi stated that each project area is separated by the treatment providers as well so there won't be much overlap. Beregszazi stated other than presenting their progress there won't be much overlap as they are in different project areas and different treatment providers. Crowder asked if these were proposals not final contracts. Shipman asked if the board wants the motions to be open ended based on variables. Crowder recommends Commonwealth to be the engineering firm for Dunfee and East County Line. Amber seconds. Nix called for a vote Amber, Pepple, Crowder, Nix, Langeloh: Aye. Motion passed 5/0

c. RFQ 2018-2 review proposals and selection of design firm

i. Laud (Aqua Indiana)

Laud was not voted on due to the elimination of Stable Acres making Laud no longer feasible.

ii. Coesse (Columbia City)

Crowder makes a motion to go with Commonwealth and VS for Coesse and asking the consultant to negotiate best price and bring back to the board for final vote. Pepple seconds. Nix calls for a vote. Amber, Pepple, Crowder, Nix: Aye, Langeloh: Nay, Motion passed 4/1

5. Amber motions to adjourn. Crowder seconds. Nix adjourned meeting at 7:34PM.