

## Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

December 17, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM by Board President Nix. Present for the meeting, Chad Nix, Brooks Langeloh, Don Amber, Walt Crowder, Randall Cokl, Todd Nichols and Matt Shipman. Absent was Mark Pepple.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the November 2019 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Amber, second by Mr. Cokl. The motion was passed.

Mr. Amber submitted the treasurers report to the board, with a balance of \$24.30. It was noted the account is subject to audit by the State Board of Accounts. Mr. Crowder motioned to accept the report, second by Mr. Cokl. The motion was passed.

Mr. Nix opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Doug Dyson inquired about the financial audit. He also inquired if BCS Management was currently working for the board, and how they were paid for previous work. Mr. Tim Patrick stated he was pleased there was a treasurer's report. He inquired how the Whitley County Board of Commissioners would be reimbursed for the payments to BCS Management.

New Business – Mr. Shipman stated he has been in contact with Mr. Pepple and continues to negotiate an agreement with the Town of Churubusco.

Old Business – RFP for the district engineering firms. Four engineering firms submitted, VS Engineering, Jones Petrie Rafinski Engineering, Commonwealth Engineering, and ER Engineering. A special meeting will be scheduled in January for interviews. An evaluation worksheet will be used to score each firm on price, experience, relationship, and qualifications. Mr. Amber motioned to schedule an executive session for interviews, second by Mr. Nichols. The motion passed. Interviews are scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020.

Final review of partner agreements. Mr. Amber motioned to accept the Columbia City interlocal agreement, second by Mr. Cokl. The motion passed. Mr. Crowder abstained from the vote. Amendment to the motion was made to be signed by Mr. Nix and Mr. Cokl.

Mr. Nichols motioned to approve the Aqua Indiana agreement, second by Mr. Amber.

Motion to adjourn at 6:19 PM, second by Mr. Cokl