

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

November 17, 2020

Meeting was called to order by board President Nix at 5:30 PM. Present for the meeting, Chad Nix, Brooks Langeloh, Rudy Wilfong, Randall Cokl, Walt Crowder, Todd Nichols, Steve Henschen (Jones Petrie Rafinski), Matt Shipman. Absent was Mark Pepple.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the October 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Crowder. Motion passed.

Mr. Cokl gave the treasurer report, with a checking balance of \$18.30, and accounts payable of \$259,394.86.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the treasurer report. Mr. Langeloh made the motion, second by Mr. Cokl. Motion passed.

Public Input

Mr. Doug Dyson questioned the accounts payable amount. It was explained to him that these are the accumulated expenses to date. Mr. Johan Bernard inquired if a letter of intent to include Stable Acres in the project was sent to IDEM. Mr. Shipman explained there is no letter of intent, we simply send a copy of meeting minutes to IDEM about including Stable Acres in the project. Mr. Bernard asked if IDEM had received copies of the petition against the project. Mr. Shipman explained the petition has no bearing on the project. Mr. Nix suggested that Mr. Bernard call IDEM directly for the process IDEM uses for projects such as ours. Mr. Pettigrew shared his discontent over the cost of the project to this point.

New Business

Mr. Nix reviewed the terms of the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) thru Star Bank. Mr. Shipman explained a little about the BAN and the process. Mr. Nix entertained a motion to accept the BAN. Mr. Cokl made a motion to approve the BAN with Mr. Nix being the signatory for the document, second by Mr. Nichols. Passed by all.

Mr. Henschen (JPR) reviewed the project schedule. Modified the PER to include Stable Acres, and a smaller residential project in Churubusco. Design activity, working on a customer list, and property owners where easements may be required. Met with Jeff from Aqua Indiana on the proposed systems. The next 30 days aerial photography will begin, as well as utility locations and existing septic systems.

Mr. Jeff Gard of Aqua Indiana gave some insight to their part of the project. The company is on board, and he does not foresee and problems with the time frame we are working with. Mr. Gard updated the board on the Eshelman project that Aqua was working with. Mr. Gard stated that he does not have all the answers but is willing to sit down and discuss all the options on the sewer project. He talked about a standardized pump throughout the project and the pros and cons.

Mrs. Lori Shipman spoke to the board about OCRA grants. She encouraged us to split Coesse from the other projects and apply for funding separately. The reason to split the project was because the standards that are required by OCRA would apply to all the projects otherwise.

Mr. Shipman presented a waiver of conflict document to Mr. Nix for his signature. The waiver is for Baker Tilly accountants working on our project and the Churubusco town project.

Old Business

Second reading of ordinance 2020-01. Mr. Nix entertained a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading. Mr. Cokl made the motion, second by Mr. Langeloh. Passed by all.

Mr. Crowder inquired if we would be having a virtual meeting in December. A decision will be made later.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM. Mr. Cokl made motion, second by Mr. Langeloh. Passed by all.

Randall Cokl
Secretary