

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

October 20, 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 September 15, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Langeloh made a motion to approve with corrections. He stated the record should reflect that this is the appropriate time to add projects because SRF was shooting for a lower cost of \$85 per home. Second by Mr. Nichols, motion passed.

Mr. Nix stated since Mr. Amber resigned there is no treasurer report, however the balances have not changed, with \$18.30 in checking, and accounts payable of \$259,394.86.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion for treasurer. Mr. Cokl volunteered for the position until election of officers in January. The position was passed without objection.

Public Input

Members of the public stated that most of Stable Acres residents are not in favor of a sewer project. He also shared concerns with Aqua Indiana having the capacity to handle sewage for that area. Mr. Nix and Mr. Shipman stated testing was done in 2019 with findings of E coli. They also shared concerns of high cost.

New Business

Motion was made by Mr. Nichols to appoint Mr. Nix as the signatory on the liability insurance policy renewal for the sewer district, second by Mr. Cokl. Passed by all.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to authorize himself as signatory on the waiver of conflict with Baker Tilly. Motion was made by Mr. Crowder, second by Mr. Nichols. Passed by all.

Mr. Nix brought to the board for adoption, the amended bond ordinance, from the original bond ordinance from February 2019. Motion was made by Mr. Crowder on first reading, second by Mr. Langeloh. Passed by all. Second reading will occur on November 17,2020.

Commissioners resolution to include Stable Acres, and East County Line Road in the district plan. Motion was made by Mr. Nichols, second by Mr. Cokl. Passed by all.

JPR update. Steve Henschen discussed the proposed project schedule. He continued with an update on PER's and SRF funding. He believes the board should consider a public hearing in January on the preliminary engineering reports, for submission to SRF by March 2020 to maximize our scoring for the project. All wetland investigations have been completed. Mr. Henschen recommended either having a sub-committee to look at the week to week processes of the project, or having the entire board review the process. SRF will be the main funding component for the projects. OCRA funding is a smaller source and has additional requirements to apply and is competitive. Preselection of equipment was discussed, factoring not only cost, but components and life expectancy.

No update on Churubusco interlocal agreement.

Mr. Crowder made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Nix, meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Randall Cokl
Secretary