

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

April 21, 2020

Meeting (electronically) was called to order by board Vice President Nichols. Present for the meeting, Todd Nichols, Don Amber, Randy Cokl, Brooks Langeloh, Steve Henschen, Ken Jones, Matt Shipman, Alexandria Vodde, and Mark Pepple. Absent were Chad Nix, Walt Crowder.

Mr. Nichols entertained a motion to approve the February 18, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Mr. Amber, second by Mr. Cokl, motion passed.

Mr. Amber submitted the treasurers report with a bank balance of \$18.30. Accounts payable to the Whitley County Commissioners of \$244,960.15. Mr. Shipman commented that certain bills were being paid by the Commissioners until they can be funded by the board. Mr. Nichols entertained a motion to approve. Mr. Cokl made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Amber, motion passed.

There was no new business.

Old business. Steve Henschen, of Jones Petrie, Rafinski, gave an update. Mr. Henschen stated their firm had been tasked with developing a district plan for submission to IDEM, making application for funding to the State Revolving Fund, and a district engineering report. Mr. Henschen stated he had been in conversation with officials from SRF, and they indicated it would be beneficial in terms of the scoring process, if we were able to submit our application prior to May 1st. Mr. Henschen went through the district plan and explained projects and construction costs. Mr. Shipman said he was comfortable with the SRF application but wanted the board to be comfortable with accepting it. Mr. Langeloh stated he would like additional time to digest all the information. A special meeting was set for April 28, 2020 at 5:30 PM (electronically) to allow the board time to review the JPR documents. Mr. Jones stated that before the SRF application is submitted, the original SRF application, previously submitted, needed to be rescinded. Mr. Amber made a motion to rescind the original SRF application, second by Mr. Cokl, motion passed. Mr. Langeloh inquired about the Stable Acres project. Mr. Jones stated it was not part of the five projects submitted to IDEM, however it can be reviewed by the Whitley County Commissioners and added. If that, and other projects, are to be included, a letter of intent needs to be submitted to IDEM.

Mr. Shipman spoke about the Churubusco project. He was on a telephone call with a couple board members, Churubusco attorney, and town officials. The consensus of the call was everyone wanted the project to happen, however they were waiting on PER's that will be available in May. They also want to hire a rate consultant to make sure rates are acceptable.

Meeting adjourned 6:24 PM

Randall C. Cokl
Secretary

