

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

June 15, 2021

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

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the May 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Wilfong. Motion passed.

One claim presented for approval Mr. Wilfong made the motion to approve the claim, second by Mr. Nichols. Motion passed.

Mr. Cokel sent the the treasurer report, with a checking balance of \$7,121.30, and credit on the BAN is \$950,321.

Mr. Langeloh made a motion to approve the treasurer report, Mr. Nichols second. Motion passed.

Public Input

Mr. Dave Cooper, Circle Drive Churubusco, Made the comment that Churubusco cannot handle the sewage they are getting now. How are they going to handle the sewage for an additional 150 homes? Churubusco Town Clerk Madalyn Sade-Bartl stated that they can handle the sewage that they receive but have an infiltration problem that they are addressing, and that the Town is in the middle of a \$10 million bond project to upgrade their current infrastructure. Mr. Cooper asked how much it is going to cost to hook up to the sewer and Mr. Nichols stated that we are trying to keep the cost as low as possible and that we will let you know when we know.

Mr. John Rector, Churubusco, asked when would they be able to have a question-and-answer session? Mr. Nix explained that we have had many over the course of 2 years available for the public to come and ask questions along the way.

Churubusco Town Clerk Madalyn Sade-Bartl ask if the WCRSD would be applying for any of the SWIF money, and Steve Henschen answered, yes.

New Business

Mr. Henschen (JPR) provided an update on the current schedule and that they are in the design phase of the 5 service areas. JPR will be ding the design phase through this fall and applying for permits. Loan Closing will be February-March of 2022, and starting construction in spring of 2022. Construction should be completed by end of 2022. State Water Infrastructure Fund (SWIF) the Indiana Finance authority has received \$100M for the use. \$50M will be used in 2021 and \$50M in 2022 of sewage, water, and storm water. They will be giving grants up to \$5M per project. The grant is a match in local funds but you can use State Revolving Funds (SRF) to meet the match. The decision timeline is running in parallel with the SRF decision. There will most likely be a lot of competition for this funding. Design

activities is ongoing. Mr. Henschen is working with Churubusco on the connection points. Aqua has agreed to pay for the pump station on South County Line Road as long as we agreed to put it on the Allen County side on the road.

Mr. Nix suggested that a committee be set up for the design review, a committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Henschen handed out the draft letter to be sent to the effected residents on the current schedule, description of the system types, customer connection requirements, and process. The new website has been started and is a two to three week project.

Mr. Shipman stated that the SWIF is much faster and ORCA funding is slower but has a limited until \$800K. The pursuit of the OCRA funding is being suspended until more information can be provided by SRF.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM. Mr. Langeloh made motion, second by Mr. Nichols. Passed by all.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 5:30 PM

Chad Nix
President