

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

January 19, 2021

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

Mr. Nichols entertained a motion to approve the November 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Wilfong made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Langeloh, Mr. Pepple abstained. Motion passed.

Mr. Cokl gave the treasurer report, with a checking balance of \$18.30, and accounts payable of \$317,046.67.

Mr. Nichols entertained a motion to approve the treasurer report. Mr. Pepple made the motion, second by Mr. Wilfong. Motion passed.

There were no claims presented for approval.

Mr. Nichols opened nominations for election of officers for 2021. Mr. Cokl made the motion to retain the same officers, Chad Nix as President, Todd Nichols as Vice President, Randall Cokl as Secretary / Treasurer for 2021, second by Mr. Langeloh. Motion passed.

Public Input

Mr. Douglas Dyson questioned how the officers were selected and if the public had input. He also inquired if there was a feasibility study for the Stable Acres project. Mr. Johan Bernard inquired where the money for payables was coming from if our checking account was \$18.30. Mr. Shipman explained how the Bond Anticipation Note worked.

New Business

Mr. Brian Emerick spoke of his interest to connect three properties, 5888 E SR 14, 5901 E SR 14, and 5920 E SR 14, to Aqua Indiana's existing sewer line. Aqua already has service to his business. When the service was installed for that area, the line was made large enough to accommodate future connections. Mr. Emerick is coming before the board for approval of additional connections to Aqua. Mr. Wilfong made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Cokl. Mr. Langeloh abstained. Motion passed. Mr. Emerick also informed the board of the need for future sewer elimination in the area of 800 S west of Saturn Church.

Mr. Jeffrey Rowe, Bakertilly, spoke of the services available through his firm.

Mr. Henschen (JPR) informed the board a public hearing needs to be scheduled since major changes have been made to the preliminary engineering report (PER). The updated PER, which includes Stable Acres, needs submitted to SRF by April 1, 2021. The board set the public hearing Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 5:30 PM, followed by the regular scheduled meeting.

Mr. Henschen (JPR) gave project updates. Mr. Henschen discussed different system costs for Churubusco south, Churubusco west, and County Line south. Mr. Pepple gave some insight into Churubusco's part in the project. He believes the board is favorable to the project, but there are 3 other projects in consideration for the town. Archaeological investigations and Wetland investigations are complete. The property owner list is complete. Research of right of way is in process. Mapping of Dunfee and County Line South is complete. Initial field locates for Dunfee, County Line South, and Stable Acres are almost complete. Met with Columbia City Mayor about connections to city sewer for Coesse. Income survey letters are being prepared to be sent to residents of Coesse. Spoke of approach for customers on gravity and pressure sewer lines.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Mr. Nichols entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:08 PM. Mr. Pepple made motion, second by Mr. Cokl. Passed by all.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:30 PM

Randall Cokl
Secretary