

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

October 18,2022

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Cokl at 5:35 PM. Present for the meeting, Madalyn Sade-Bartl, Nicki Venable, Brooks Langeloh, Randall Cokl and Walt Crowder. Todd Nichols, and Rudy Wilfong were absent.

Motion to approve September 20,2022 minutes was made by Ms. Sade-Bartl, second by Ms. Venable. Passed by all.

Mr. Cokl gave the treasurer report with \$375.30 in checking, BAN obligation of \$0. Claim: JPR \$6,407.50. Motion made by Mr. Crowder, second by Ms. Sade-Bartl. Passed by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Henschen gave project update. Right of entry letters were sent out in August with an absolute deadline of September 30,2022. As of today, there are 22 property owners who have not responded to the letter. Mr. Henschen provided a list of the 22 property owners who will be responsible for installation of equipment from the tap to their homes. Discussion on whether to provide one last letter to the property owners who haven't signed a right of entry. Mr. Langeloh made the point, if the property owner could not afford the project now, how are they going to be able to afford it after all the penalties that will be incurred. Mr. Shipman explained that there are loans available for the property owners that cannot afford the installation. It was concluded that one last letter be sent out, certified, to those property owners. A motion was made by Ms. Venable to send a certified letter, second by Ms. Sade-Bartl. Passed by all. Mr. Henschen said a decision needs to be made on whether to purchase the grinder pumps for those properties that have not signed a right of way agreement. If we do go ahead and purchase the pumps, there will need to be a place to store them until they will be used. Mr. Langeloh explained even if the property owner couldn't afford or didn't want the grinder station installed, by signing the right of way agreement, it could potentially save the property owner thousands of dollars on the installation cost. If they still wanted to fight the project, at least they would save that cost. Mr. Shipman agreed, even though they didn't connect, they would save the cost built into the project. Mr. Henschen asked that a decision on purchasing the grinder stations and storage be brought up for discussion next month. Mr. Henschen went over the construction schedule. County line south will start the last week of November, with a 3-week duration; Dunfee will start in mid-December, with a 4-week duration; Coesse will start in mid to late January 2023, with an 8-week duration; Stable Acres will start mid to late March 2023, with a three-month duration. Restoration will begin in summer 2023. Mr. Henschen discussed the process of change orders and cost that will be updated monthly. They continue to meet with property owners to discuss grinder station locations. Phase two project timeline was introduced to the board. Mr. Shipman discussed the delay with the Churubusco interlocal agreement, and that for now they would like to get some sort of memorandum of understanding regarding capacity. An agreement with the Town of Churubusco, with specifics of the project, can be discussed later.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The question was asked if we received the \$ 5,000,000 grant, and why its not reflected in the checking balance. It was explained that the funding agency holds those funds on a draw system as the project proceeds. A question was also asked about the placement of grinder stations on the properties.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Next meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Randall C. Cokl

Secretary