

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

March 16,2022

Meeting was called to order by board President Nix at 5:32 PM. Present for the meeting, Randall Cokl, Chad Nix, Rudy Wilfong, Walt Crowder, Todd Nichols, Matt Shipman. Absent were Madalyn Sade-Bartl, Brooks Langeloh.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the March 3,2022 special meeting minutes. Since there wasn't a majority who attended the meeting, it was tabled until the April 18,2022 meeting.

Mr. Nix made a motion to approve the February 15,2022 meeting minutes, second by Mr. Cokl, Mr. Crowder abstained, passed by all.

Mr. Cokl gave the treasurer report with \$545.30 in checking, BAN obligation of \$827,553.19, credit available of \$672,446.81. Claims - JPR 30,682.99, Baker Tilly 3,410.62. Mr. Wilfong made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Cokl, Mr. Crowder abstained, approved by all.

Mr. Cokl made a motion to approve claims for BSGW \$3,823.75, and JPR \$10,388.75, second by Mr. Nix, approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Johan Bernard stated that he was against construction of the sewage system, he is not happy with the partnership with Aqua Indiana because of a poor reputation. He continued that the majority of Stable Acres residents are opposed to the project and would like it stopped.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan, JPR, was present at the meeting to discuss the timeline of the project. The project designs and specs are now complete. Bid advertising will be in publications March 16 & March 23,2022. They will also be sending copies of the advertisement to contractors. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28,2022 at 10 am. The meeting will be held in the Whitley County Government Center room C. At this meeting they will go over the timeline of the project and answer any questions those in attendance have. Bids will be due by April 12,2022 at 4:30 pm at the Whitley County Government Center board room. The bids will be open at that time and taken under advisement.

Ken, JPR, spoke of what their firm was doing to bring a more reasonable rate to the customer. Currently the rate was over \$100. However, with meetings with Baker Tilly, the Indiana State Revolving fund, and Aqua Indiana. They have come up with some creative ways to make the customer's monthly payment more manageable. Discussions continue with the Whitley County Commissioners for an investment of \$500,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Another cost saving measure was to transfer the maintenance and utility of the grinder pumps to the property owner. Finally, working with Aqua Indiana to make a investment of \$200,000.00 or more to transfer a portion of the sewage lines. These changes would bring the monthly cost to the customer to approximately \$63.00.

Adoption of resolution 2022-01 authorizing JPR to submit permits to IDEM for the project. Motion was made by Mr. Nichols, second by Mr. Cokl, passed by a

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 18,2022.

Randall C. Cokl

Secretary