

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

April 19,2022

Meeting was called to order by board President Nix at 5:30 PM. Present for the meeting, Randall Cokl, Chad Nix, Rudy Wilfong, Walt Crowder, Todd Nichols, Brooks Langeloh, Madalyn Sade-Bartl.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the March 3,2022 meeting minutes, motioned by Ms Sade-Bartl, second by Mr. Cokl, motion passed. Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the March 15,2022 meeting minutes, motion was made by Mr. Nichols, second by Mr. Nix, with an amendment to the date of March 15th instead of March 16,2022. Ms. Sade-Bartl abstained. Motion passed. Mr. Nix entertained a motion for approval of the April 12,2022 meeting (bid opening) minutes, motion was made by Ms. Sade-Bartl, second by Mr. Nichols. Motion passed.

Mr. Cokl gave the treasurer report with \$545.30 in checking, BAN obligation of \$841,765.69, credit available of \$658,234.31. Claims - JPR 10,388.75, BGSW \$3,823.75. Mr. Nix made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Nichols, approved by all.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve claims for BSGW \$6,667.50, JPR \$43,780.08, Indiana State Board of Accounts \$13,297.00. Motion was made by Mr. Cokl second by Ms. Sade-Bartl, approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nix introduced the Adoption of the Capital Asset Policy, Mr. Nichols made the motion, second by Mr. Wilfong. Passed by all.

Mr. Nix introduced Jeff Rowe, Baker, Tilly, to discuss the financial service contract for the district. The contract allows Baker Tilly to take care of all day-to-day financials of the district as well as reporting of the financials to Indiana Gateway, and external agencies. The package includes everything with exception of billing. Mr. Cokl made a motion to except the contract, second by Mr. Wilfong. Passed by all.

Steve Henschen gave a project update. There are two open houses scheduled for April to answer any questions people have. A rate hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 10,2022, preliminary closing will be June 14, with the final closing at the end of June. Designs are complete. INDOT has approved the construction permit across SR 14. The railroad permits were approved a few months ago. Bids were accepted in April, only one contractor submitted a bid, however it was a reputable contractor and came in under bid estimates. Mr. Henschen briefly discussed phase 2.

Tentative Notice of Award to Fleming Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$2,996,004.81, contingent upon successful closing of the state Revolving Fund financing. Ms. Sade-Bartl made a motion to accept, second by Mr. Nichols. Passed by all.

Motion was made by Ms. Sade-Bartl to accept the Land Acquisition process as explained by JPR, second by Mr. Cokl. Passed by all.

Mr. Henschen went through a list of expectations of property owners, ie: what type of electricity connection is needed, frequently asked questions, graphic of what property owners are required and what contractors are required to do for hook up. Also provided was a list of financial assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thomas Roush had questions about existing septic beds, when they would discontinue use.

Mr. Johan Bernard had a question about Indiana Senate Bill 472.

Mr. Dan Dyson questioned a certificate of insurance that he has asked to be provided.

Mr. Zachary Cribb questioned the actual rate to customers.

Mr. Wilfong made a motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Sade-Bartl. Passed by all. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 17,2022

Randall C. Cokl

Secretary