

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

August 16,2022

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

Motion to approve July 19,2022 minutes was made by Ms. Sade-Bartl, second by Mr. Wilfong. Passed by all. Mr. Langeloh abstained.

Mr. Cokl gave the treasurer report with \$375.30 in checking, BAN obligation of \$1,017,073.65. Claims: JPR \$21,962.35, Cincinnati Insurance \$170.00, JPR \$18,595.56, Baker Tilly \$17,315.98, JPR \$8,672.50, BGWS \$10,927.50, BGWS \$1,548.75. Motion to accept treasurer report and claims by Ms. Sade-Bartl, second by Mr. Wilfong. Passed by all.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on IDEM construction project appeal. Mr. Ship advised that we are looking at an August deadline, court has dismissed several claims already, there are a few more, but hope to have decision by next meeting.

Grant agreement for SRF and SWIF has been reviewed by Mr. Shipman with copies to all board members. Mr. Crowder motioned to approve both SRF and SWIF agreement, second by Mr. Cokl. Passed by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Henschen gave an update on the project. Right of entry agreements are now 64% over all submitted. Coesse is 85%, Dunfee is 95%, 800 E 100%, and Stable Acres is at 52.4%. Main line easements are now secured. JPR is continuing to meet with residents about grinder stations.

Mr. Shipman advised the board that a firm date needs to be set for residents to sign right of entry agreements. The firm date to have the right of entry agreement signed and submitted is Friday, September 30,2022. Motion to accept was made by Ms. Sade-Bartl, second by Mr. Cokl. Passed by all.

Mr. Henschen gave a construction timeline; agreement back from SRF by end of August, issue formal construction award, signed agreement returned by the contractor within 15 days, issuing a notice to proceed to the contractor, pre-construction conference, end of construction November 2023, final completion date December 2023, customers will have 90 days to connect.

Mr. Nix announced he is leaving the board at the end of August 2022. There was discussion on who will be signing the contracts in his absence. Mr. Nix made a motion to have the vice president, Mr. Nichols sign, second by Ms. Sade-Bartl. Passed by all.

There was discussion on an interlocal agreement with Churubusco. Mr. Shipman is going to reach out to their attorney to schedule some type of work session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Shipman explained the purpose of the sewer board to the public.

There was a question about properties on SR 14 and why some are not required to hook up to sewer. Mr. Shipman explained that it is the health departments guidelines.

There was a question about why it took so long for the project funding. Ms. Sade-Bartl explained that mostly it is waiting on the State for approval of grants and funding.

There was a question on how to volunteer and get appointed to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, September 20,2022

Randall C. Cokl

Secretary