Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

December 28, 2021

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

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the October 19,2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Sade-Bartl made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Cokl. Motion passed.

Mr. Cokl gave the treasurer report, with a checking balance of $1,373.30, and accounts payable of $727,059.00. BAN credit balance $772,941.00.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the treasurer report. Mr. Langeloh made the motion, second by Ms. Sade-Bartl. Motion passed.

December claims were approved electronically by membership through email.

**Public Input**

No attendance.

**New Business**

Mr. Nix introduced ordinance 2020-2, authorizing Mr. Nix to be signatory on all permits, applications, and agreements for the district. Mr. Cokl made the motion, amended to read “Board President”, second by Mrs. Sade-Bartl. Motion passed.

Mr. Nix introduced ordinance 2020-3, giving the board authorization to allow each member to participate in up to four (4) electronic meetings per year, after the Governors emergency order expires. Certain restrictions apply to what meetings can be held electronically. Motion was made by Mrs. Sade-Bartl, second by Mr. Langeloh. Motion passed.

Mr. Henschen, JPR, spoke about funding scenarios for the sewage elimination project. Currently the cost to the customer is over $100 per month. The board, in previous discussions, found that rate to be too high, and unaffordable to some residents. The cost of the project as of now is $5,351,000.00, leaving a shortage of $351,000.00. The main scenario is to go to the commissioners and ask for their financial support. If the commissioners agreed to contribute $500,000.00 to the project, it would allow the customer rates to be reduced. Any excess would be used to seed future projects. There was discussion of whether removing and closing existing septic systems, to allow reduced cost to the customer, would be feasible.

**Old Business**

No old business.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to adjourn.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 5:30 PM**

Randall Cokl

Secretary