

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

November 19, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Board President Nix. Present for the meeting, Chad Nix, Brooks Langeloh, Don Amber, Randall Cokl, and Matt Shipman. Absent were Mark Pepple, Todd Nichols, and Walt Crowder.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the May 2019 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Cokl, second by Mr. Amber. The motion was passed.

Mr. Nix opened the floor for public comment.

Denita Patrick, Stable Acres, inquired why there hasn't been regular monthly meetings. She also asked why all board members were not in attendance. She inquired if, and when there was going to be an audit of the organization. Mr. Nix explained that there hasn't been an agenda to require a monthly meeting. Although members are expected, there are situations that arise that prevent members attendance. There are no funds, therefore no audit is planned.

Douglas Dyson, Stable Acres, stated he had read an article that Aqua Indiana was at capacity. Mr. Shipman replied that Mr. Gard was absent due to a family emergency, however he didn't believe there was any truth to that statement. Mr. Dyson asked if there has been any other soil testing since the drainage was installed, and if there are any current plans to proceed with the Stable Acres project. Mr. Nix replied it wasn't on the agenda at this time.

Tim Patrick, Stable Acres, is concerned he is not receiving any information about the RSD. He inquired if there are officers of the organization, and if there has been a treasurer's report. Mr. Amber replied that there are no funds at this time, but he would be happy to provide a report showing a zero balance. Mr. Shipman informed Mr. Patrick if he had a specific request for information, send a letter for request of information. Mr. Patrick also inquired if there were term limits for the board.

New Business – Mr. Shipman indicated IDEM is requesting a district plan, however, we need an engineering firm to handle certain matters of the district. He has rewritten an RFP to be sent to engineering firms. Motion was made by Mr. Amber to authorize starting the process to hire an engineer for the district, second by Mr. Cokl. The motion passed.

Old Business – Mr. Shipman indicated we need to make some sort of repayment agreement for the commissioners. Mr. Shipman brought a red line agreement with Aqua Indiana to review and familiarize the board. Motion was made by Mr. Amber to table Aqua agreement until the December board meeting, second by Mr. Cokl. Motion passed. Mr. Shipman gave the board some highlights of the Columbia City agreement. Motion was made by Mr. Amber to table the Columbia City agreement until the December meeting, second by Mr. Nix. Motion passed.

Mr. Dyson asked some follow up questions about bonds, and if agreements would be available for the public to view.

Mr. Nix made a motion to adjourn meeting, second by Mr. Cokl. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Randall Cokl, Secretary