

## Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

February 18,2020

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Board President Nix. Present for the meeting, Chad Nix, Brooks Langeloh, Don Amber, Walt Crowder, Randall Cokl, Todd Nichols and Matt Shipman. Absent was Mark Pepple.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the December 2019 meeting minutes, Mr. Nichols motioned, second by Mr. Langeloh. Mr. Shipman indicated that the record should be amended to reflect that the Aqua Indiana agreement passed. Mr. Nichols amended his motion, second by Mr. Langeloh. The motion passed.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the January 16,2020 Executive session minutes. Motion was made by Mr. Amber, second by Mr. Langeloh. Mr. Crowder abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the January 31,2020 Special session minutes. Motion was made by Mr. Amber, second by Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Amber submitted the treasurers report to the board, with a balance of \$18.30. He stated that the balance was \$24.30 at end of year 2019, however a dormancy charge of \$6.00 was applied. Mr. Langeloh suggested the bank be contacted about reversing the charge. Mr. Shipman suggested that the liabilities owed should also be recorded on the report. Motion was made by Mr. Nichols, second by Mr. Cokl.

Mr. Nix opened floor for public comment. Mr. Shipman made a few remarks in reference to Stable Acres. He stated that there are no plans at this time, or in the near future, for sewer construction at Stable Acres. He continued that eventually all areas in the county with poor septic systems may be subject to sewage hook up. A member of the public asked if Aqua Indiana was a viable company. They were concerned if Aqua could handle the additional load from Whitley County. Another member of the public asked why Stable Acres wasn't included in the petition to IDEM. The question was raised whether we are being pressured by IDEM or on a timeline. Mr. Dyson asked if we are sworn to the constitution, and if the WCRSD could be an elected board. A member of the public stated there was no information to contact anyone from the WCRSD. There was no website available.

Mr. Nix stated there was no new business.

Old business -

Jones Petrie Rafinski, gave an update on the district plan. They noted that Stable Acres is not in their plan. They will begin working with IDEM starting next week, to develop the district plan. JPR discussed their scope of work with the board, including fees and services. Initial projects are Churubusco West, Churubusco South, County Line/Dunfee, and Coesse. Mr. Amber stated he would get a list of services (completed by the previous firm) that have already been paid for by the county and provide to the board. Mr. Shipman suggested there should be an interlocal agreement between the County Commissioners/Council to provide seed money for funding. Jones, Petrie, Rafinski presented an

agreement for approval of services. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the Jones, Petrie, Rafinski agreement, with spending not to exceed \$25,000, subject to Mr. Shipman's review, second by Mr. Langeloh. Motion passed by all.

Churubusco interlocal agreement. Mr. Amber stated that the community was working with DLZ on there local plans. There have been no talks on the interlocal agreement recently.

Mr. Langeloh stated that eventually State or Federal regulations are going to mandate that residents have proper septic systems. He continued, that years ago the lakes were facing the same situations, and the County had the foresight to build sewer systems. Approximately four years later, the State mandated sewer regulations. By implementing this process early, residents saved thousands of dollars in cost.

Mr. Nix made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Amber. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM