

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

August 18, 2020

Meeting was called to order by board President Nix at 5:40 PM. Present for the meeting, Chad Nix, Brooks Langeloh, Randall Cokl, Walt Crowder, Todd Nichols, Steve Henschen (Jones Petrie Rafinski), Matt Shipman. Absent were Don Amber, and Mark Pepple.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the July 21, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Mr. Nichols, second by Mr. Nix, motion passed.

No treasurers report.

There were no public comments.

New Business

Mr. Henschen informed the board that he met with a property owner on the Allen County side of 800 East, who is interested in granting an easement to the district in return for connecting his property to our system. Mr. Henschen would like to call a meeting between JPR, Aqua Indiana, and the Allen County Regional Sewer District, to make sure there are no territorial issues. He also informed the board there is a property owner on Whitley County side of 800 East who has a fifteen foot section of farm ground that isn't planted, that could be used eliminating the need to put sewer lines in back yards. Motion was made by Mr. Langeloh, second by Mr. Nichols, authorizing JPR to reach out to Aqua Indiana, and Allen County Regional Sewer District concerning Allen County properties in the Dunfee Area and Countyline South Area. Motion passed. Mr. Henschen spoke to the board concerning OCRA and SRF funding. The rate consultant reached out to JPR to see if we were able to close on our project by third quarter. Mr. Henschen explained that this would include every aspect from design to bids and funding. Extra funds may be possible bringing the anticipated cost to the customer between \$85 - \$100. However, he went on to explain that we still are uncertain about the Churubusco project, and it would be an extremely aggressive schedule that we would need to start now. This does not mean that the scope of the project cannot change or be reduced without losing funding for the other projects. Mr. Crowder inquired if we will be communicating with the public when these projects start. Mr. Henschen stated that a mailer or meetings can be scheduled to keep the public informed. Mr. Shipman explained some of the issues holding up the Churubusco project, includes finding excessive stormwater, and explained we are not looking for new development, but septic elimination. Mr. Nix entertained a motion to move forward with design phase, motion made by Mr. Nichols, second by Mr. Langeloh. Motion passed by all.

Old Business

Discussed proposals from other engineering firms, and the need to end any agreements prior to moving forward on any construction projects.

Motion made by Mr. Nichols to adjourn, second by Mr. Langeloh. Meeting adjourned 6:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 5:30 PM

Randall C. Cokl
Secretary