

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District

January 18, 2022

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

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the December 28, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Sade-Bartl made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Nichols. Motion passed.

Mr. Cokl gave the treasurer report, with a checking balance of \$1,373.30, and accounts payable of \$761,896.97. BAN credit balance \$738,103.03.

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

Two claims were presented JPR for \$16,868.94 and Genessee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc. for \$3,500. Mr. Nix entertained a motion to approve the two claims Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Langeloh. Motion passed.

Election of officers – Mr. Nix requested nominations from the floor for President. Ms. Sade-Bartl nominated Mr. Nix to continue as President, second by Mr. Nichols. Nominations were closed and passed unanimously. Mr. Nix requested nominations from the floor for Vice President. Ms. Sade-Bartl nominated Mr. Nichols to continue as Vice President, second by Mr. Nix. Nominations were closed and passed unanimously. Mr. Nix requested nominations from the floor for Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Nix nominated Mr. Cokl to continue as Secretary/Treasurer, second by Ms. Sade-Bartl. Nominations were closed and passed unanimously.

The board approved to continue meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. A publication will be advertised in the newspaper with the dates for all scheduled 2022 meeting dates.

Note: Reappointment of Trustees will need to be made before August 2022 for Chad Nix from County Council, Walter Crowder from City of Columbia City, and Brooks Langeloh from Commissioner Chad Banks.

Public Input

No public comments.

New Business

Mr. Henschen, JPR, reviewed the current project schedule. The State Revolving Fund (SRF) has formally approved the WCRSD PER and has granted \$5M to the project. Both Churubusco's projects have been moved to a phase two, so the district can take advantage of the grant money that has been provided by SRF. Stable Acrers, County Line Road South, Coesse, and Dunfee are in the final design stage. Aqua is

approximately one month behind the district in design and the district plans on submitting design at the same time as Aqua. Mr. Henschen will continue the communication with Aqua on their status.

Permitting is in progress, INDOT, CSX, Genesee & Wyoming, IDEM, and County Highway are all in various stages of permitting.

Project Manuals are being drafted for phase one. The Project Manuals will be used for the bid process.

Drafts of the easement agreement and letter were provided to the board for review. Mr. Shipman has edits that need to be made to the exemption letter yet, but the exemption letter cannot be sent until 10 days after the IDEM permit has been submitted. Ms. Sade-Bartl made the motion, second by Mr. Nichols to approve the easement agreement and the edited letter to be circulated upon final draft from Mr. Shipman. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Henschen and Mr. Shipman will coordinate on dates to perform an open house for the public to review the plans and ask questions. The dates will include a Saturday morning and a weekday evening. A notary will be available at these meeting for residents to sign their easement agreements if needed. The dates will be in late February or early March.

Old Business

No old business.

Mr. Nix entertained a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 5:30 PM

Randall Cokl
Secretary