

Minutes of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District  
October 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sade-Bartl at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Madalyn Sade-Bartl, Brooks Langeloh, Nicki Venable, Chad Banks, and Walt Crowder

Madalyn Sade-Bartl entertained a motion to approve September 19, 2023 minutes. The motion was made by Walt Crowder, second by Nicki Venable. The motion passed and was approved.

Madalyn Sade-Bartl gave the treasurer report with a checking balance of \$2,536.30, Ban Obligation of \$15,338.50, with a credit balance of \$734,661.50.

Claims: JPR \$32,294.00; Baker Tilly \$4,243.75; Lori Shipman \$3,700.00; Fleming \$338,325.15 Total: \$378,562.90. Madalyn Sade-Bartl entertained a motion to approve the treasurer report and claims. The motion was made by Nicki Venable, second by Chad Banks. The motion was unanimous to approve the treasurer report and claims.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Septic Elimination Project – Phase 1**

Alli Nahrwold, JPR, gave a project update.

- There are five right of entries left, located in Stable Acres. The remobilization fees to the district are added into a change order.
- Proposed overall construction schedule. There is restoration, testing, and control panel installation that needs to be done in the Coessee area. The railroad crossing was done October 9, 2023. Fleming is looking to be done by the next meeting on November 21, 2023. Coessee is part of the Community Crossing Project so there has been coordination with the Highway Dept. to avoid damaging newly paved roads that must be completed by October 21, 2023. Steve Henschen, JPR, stated that Columbia City had a connection fee of approximately \$13,000. Our treasurer will need an invoice in order for the RWSD to make the required payment. There is a need to have the Boards approval to make the payment once the invoice is received, per the interlocal agreement. Madalyn Sade-Bartl entertained a motion to approve the expenditure. The motion was made by Brooks Langeloh, second by Chad Banks. The motion was unanimous to approve. The aqua projects lift stations are complete and will going through startup during the next steps.
- Pay Application #10 was introduced totally \$338,325.15. Madalyn Sade-Bartl entertained a motion to approve Pay Application #10 totaling \$338,325.15. A motion for approval was made by Walt Crowder, second by Nicki Venable. The motion was unanimous to approve.
- Change Order 10 was introduced with a decrease of \$11,188.84. Madalyn Sade-Bartl entertained a motion to approve Change Order 10 decrease of \$11,188.84. The motion was made by Chad Banks, second by Brooks Langeloh. The motion was unanimous to approve. There was a discussion about being under budget and how the remaining funds may be used. JPR will provided additional updates as they are received.

- JPR will continue to offer meetings with property owners to discuss grinder station locations or lateral locations.
- JPR will continue to establish a contractors meeting. There is a need to continue working on standards and process. The meeting should take place sometime in November 2023
- JPR will schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony for Phase I once the project is closer to completion.
- Other business: Bob Ueber presented his information and photos of the asphalt situation at his business location. There were several board members that scheduled a visit to review the situation. Nicki Venable, Brooks Langeloh, and Walt Crowder did a site visit. Due to Mr. Ueber requested the current location of the grinder station, there is nothing that the RWSD can do to provide financial assistance. However, the board did provide Mr. Ueber with the ability to contact the Whitley County Drainage Board to assist with the county tile situation that Mr. Ueber believes may be the cause of the damage and possible incurred financial cost to his project.
- Phase II project: There was a discussion about pump stations at Anderson Road, Whitley-Allen County Line, mainline easements in Churubusco: Circle Drive and Carlin Court.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Update on IDEM Construction Permit Appeal (Dyson v. WRWSD / IDEM)

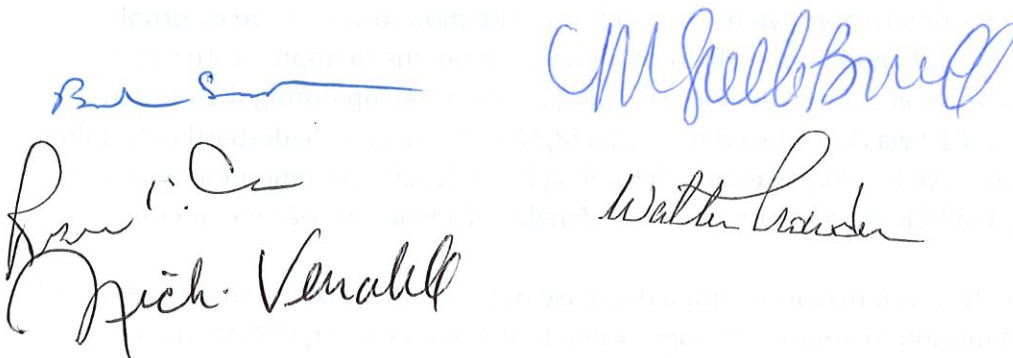
- Attorney Matt Shipman provided an overview and stated that there is a Notice of Appeal that has been filed and he will continue to provide updates.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was a request for the date for the contractors meeting. JPR will provide a date when established. There was a question about restoration. Madalyn Sade-Bartl and JPR stated that restoration will occur once the project is completed and when weather permits.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 PM

Nicki Venable



The block contains four handwritten signatures in blue ink. At the top left is a signature that appears to be 'B. S.'. Below it is a signature that appears to be 'Nicki Venable'. To the right of these is a large, stylized signature that appears to be 'C. M. Guelbourn'. Below that is a signature that appears to be 'Walt Crowder'.