**LIBERTY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 15, 2019**

The LRWD board meeting was called to order by President Steve Knote @ 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Brent Devine, Steve Knote, Bruce Reinke and Adam Sewell.

Member Steve Graves was absent.

Others in attendance were: Office Manager Kathy May, Superintendent Jerry Zearbaugh Bookkeeper Peg Selvey, Attorney Mark Abrell, Forest & Sandy Storms, Wanda Ray, Jason Storms & Mike Jacobs board member from Delaware Regional Waste District.

Engineer Rick Miller was absent. · · · Mr. Knote opened the floor for new business.

New Business:

Mr. Knote recognized Wanda Ray. Wanda thought she needed to come back to report that she had fixed her sump pump from draining into the system. The Board told her she didn't need to come but thanked her for fixing the problem and for coming back to report it.

Mr. Knote recognized Forest & Sandy Storms. The Storms told the Board they are concerned about the water problems around the fence at the lift station on their property on Whitney Rd. They said with the drainage issues they couldn't even mow the grass close to the lift station. They said if the tile is blocked, the County needs to fix it. Mr.

Storms said the County had worked on the drainage in the past and made the situation worse. Mr. Knote says we should get the County to fix the drainage correctly. We will get with the County to address the situation.

Mr. Sewell made a motion to accept the minutes as written from last month's meeting. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Claims totaling $151,754.79 were viewed and signed.

Mr. Sewell made a motion to accept the claims as written. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knote recognized Peg Selvey, Bookkeeper, for the financial report. Peg reported receipts for July 2019 were $134,299.14 with disbursements of$129,688.84 leaving

$4,610.30 in black.

Peg transferred $461.30 to Sewage Works Fund.

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As of today 8-15-19 the billing office has collected: $103,367.67 with disbursements of

$125,182.70 leaving $21,815.03 in the red.

The Muncie Sanitary bill is included in this in the amount of $66,789.32 for June 2019. The next bill will be $65,442.13 for July.

The year to date is $1,042,324.86 with disbursements of $1,136,104.18, leaving

$93,779.32 in the red.

Mr. Sewell made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Devine seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Peg told the Board that the CD matures 9-12-19. The CD is for $100,000.00 and Peg needs a mo ion to take bids & pu chase or roll over or get a better rate.

Mr. Devine made a motion to allow Peg to renew the CD by taking bids or rollover to get a better rate. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Peg told the Board she had a credit application for Indiana Pump Works and she needed 2 signatures from the Board.

Peg asked the Board about moving some of the money to another bank. She said other banks charge things that First Merchants doesn't. State Board said it was fine to move some of the money out of operating fund. She said a money market would be a good choice. Mutual Bank's interest is 2% and she will check with Old National & Prime Trust.

Mr. Devine made a motion to move $200,000.00, with $100,000.00 each to Mutual or Old National or whichever has the best rate. Mr. Reinke seconded, Mr. Sewell abstained and Mr. Graves was absent.

Peg said she hadn't heard from SBOA about another audit.

Mr. Knote recognized Attorney Mark Abrell. Mark told the Board that he had engaged Jennifer Wilson as our consultant and she spoke with the mediators. Ms. Wilson submitted a data request to MSD.

MSD said they would try to comply but they need a confidentiality agreement. Bill Smith has sent his lawsuit deposition back but Mike Cline doesn't have his back in yet. There is no new date for mediation from Jennifer Wilson.

Mark said they need to get a date set for the hearing on confidentiality.

Delaware Regional has filed a request to re-open the IURC case. Attorney Jeff Earl had to step down from the case.

Mr. Knote and Mark Abrell attended the Delaware Regional board meeting on 8-7-19 and Mr. Graves came in late. John Brooke, Pete Olson and Ray Maynard were present.

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Mark said LRWD was never mentioned at the Delaware Regional's July or August meetings.

Mr. Knote recognized Engineer Rick Miller. Rick was absent this month.

Mr. Knote recognized Superintendent Jerry Zearbaugh. Jerry's minutes are attached.

Mr. Knote recognized Office Manager Kathy May. Kathy told the Board that she had several properties that had sold either at a sheriffs sale or tax sale and would like for the board members to write off balances as bad debts. We can't collect after they sell under these circumstances. The following properties sold:

300 & 302 N. Ellis Rd $743.60.

Mr. Devine made a motion to write off $743.60. Mr. Sewell seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

12000 E. Jackson St $2291.92

Mr. Devine made a motion to write off $2291.92. Mr. Sewell seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

200 N. Northwood Dr $$485.96. Mr. Devine made a motion to write off. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

104 N Orchard Dr. $1014.80 This property has been capped-off and is being torn down. Mr. Sewell made a motion to write off $1014.80. Mr. Devine seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knote seeing no further business adjourned the meeting. Liberty Regional Waste District

Kathy May / Office Manager

August 15, 2019

Meeting adjourned@ 9:20 p.m.

**Notes for LRWD Board Meeting August 15, 2019**

1. Wanda Ray had her sump pump removed from her sewer lateral on July 31st and we have pictures of the repairs.
2. We received a check from our insurance company in the amount of $1400.00 as compensation for the fence damage at the Whitney Road Lift Station.
3. We received a quote from Hensley Fence Company to repair the fence in the amount of $1900.00.
4. We obtained an estimate from Brumond Smith Nursery in•the amount of $1094.00 to plant 61 flowering shrubs at the Whitney Road Lift Station instead of repairing the damaged fence. This was forwarded to our Board President and Lawyer. If approved, then the rest of the fence will need fo be taken down and the ground restored.

**The Board was concerned about the drainage issue and did not take any action on purchasing the shrubs. This will be addressed at next month's meeting.**

1. Buckeye Power service rep was unable to repair the faulty circuit board in #1 generator, so a replacement circuit board was installed and the Emergency Stop function is working. The invoice of $2057.59 will be forthcoming.
2. As of today, our flow meter indicates a sewage bill of near $17,000 for August.

Submitted,

Jerry D. Zearbaugh, Supt