

**LIBERTY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

The LRWD board meeting was called to order by President Steve Knoté @ 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were: Brent Devine, Steve Knoté, 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, Engineer Rick Miller, Garrett & Maxine Moore, Lola Hall, Larry Godwin and Bradley Hickman.

Mr. Knoté opened the floor for new business.

**New Business:**

Mr. Knoté recognized Lola Hall. Lola told the Board that she had a meter installed to measure her water usage rather than pay the flat well rate each month. Jerry will go out and check the installation of the meter. Mrs. Hall will get the reading to the office each month so her bill can be figured.

Mr. Knoté recognized Larry Godwin. Larry told the Board that he has a rental house on our system and he lives in Yorktown, and he had been doing some repair work at the property and his helper used the restroom before leaving and the toilet didn't shut off for possibly 3 weeks. Mr. Godwin asked if he could have some help with the high bill. His bill was 148 hundred cubic feet and he owed \$2,116.40.

The Board decided to adjust his bill by charging the regular bill of \$57.20 and charge the rate that LRWD pays to pump to MSD. So they charged 148 x \$5.59 which equals \$827.32 plus \$57.20 regular bill for a total of \$884.52.

Mr. Devine made a motion to adjust Mr. Godwin's bill. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knoté recognized Bradley Hickman. Mr. Hickman owes \$7344.07 and hadn't paid since October 2018. His son lives at the property and had 6 months of really high bills due to a toilet running. LRWD had filed a lawsuit and Mr. Hickman hadn't paid so a shut-off letter had been mailed to him. He came to the Board meeting to make arrangements for payment.

The Board asked Mr. Hickman how much he would be able to pay. He said he could pay \$300.00 now and \$100.00 hereafter plus his regular bill each month.

The Board told him if he complies with the arrangements for 6 months, then come back to a board meeting and they will review his 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 \$443,732.76 were viewed and signed.

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

Mr. Knot recognized Peg Selvey, Bookkeeper, for the financial report. Peg reported receipts for August 2019 were \$230,848.28 with disbursements of \$336,014.36 leaving \$105,166.08 in the red plus \$100,000.00 CD, leaving \$5,166.08 in the red.

As of today 9-19-19 the billing office has collected: \$131,450.65 plus \$102,380.97 interest on CD totaling 233,831.62 with disbursements of \$218,157.58 leaving \$15,674.04 in the black.

The Muncie Sanitary bill is included in this in the amount of \$65,442.13 for July 2019. The next bill will be \$38,591.12 for August 2019.

The year to date is \$1,273,173.14 with disbursements of \$1,472,118.54 leaving \$198,945.40 in the red, plus the CD amount of \$100,000.00 leaving \$98,945.40 in the red.

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

Peg told the Board that she purchased the \$100,000.00 CD at Thrive Credit Union at 2.15% for one (1) year.

Peg told the Board that her computer quit and she contacted Mr. Knot and he in turn contacted Board members, since Peg needed a new computer before the next board meeting.

Mr. Sewell made a motion to ratify the action to purchase a new computer for Peg. Mr. Devine seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knot recognized Attorney Mark Abrell. Mark told the Board that the Inter Local Agreement with Delaware Regional has been terminated do to the fact that Delaware Regional failed to respond to LRWD's request to extend an offer to merge the two (2) boards. Mark received nothing in the form of a response from Delaware Regional. We no longer have an agreement.

Mark said that 9-17-19 is the date that is set for the hearing on confidentiality.

Delaware Regional has submitted all the new evidence for the IURC case.

Mr. Knoté recognized Engineer Rick Miller. Rick told the Board that he and Jerry are trying to mark or locate the taps for Tyler Ridge's wedding venue. The taps are on the original map, but Rick was unable to find them by digging or with his laser tool.

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

Mr. Knoté recognized Office Manager Kathy May. Kathy told the Board that a couple customers have failed to keep their shut-off arrangements. Attorney Mark Abrell tried to contact Joe Line and Jill Kinder by texting them.

Kathy told the Board she has an unusual situation for a customer. The customer owns a property that she doesn't live at and it has been empty for almost 2 years. The customer is 88 years old and her daughter decided to move in and found that the water meter was missing. The Water Company charged her \$2400.00 to reconnect the water. Her sewage bill is \$12,884.30. Kathy was asking the Board if we can adjust this charge since the house has been empty and the customer has never missed a monthly payment. Kathy asked Brian Hazelbaker if he could check on this situation. Brian works for the Water Company.

The Board decided to table this and see if Brian can find out more information for us.

Mr. Knoté made an announcement by reading a letter from Adam Sewell. Adam resigned as of the close of today's meeting of 9-19-19.

Mr. Knoté thanked Adam for the short time he served on the board and told him we were saddened by his resignation but we appreciated him being on the Board.

Mr. Knoté seeing no further business adjourned the meeting.

Liberty Regional Waste District  
Kathy May / Office Manager  
September 19, 2019  
Meeting adjourned @ 9:40 p.m.

## Notes for LRWD Board Meeting

September 19, 2019

1. In May, Mr. Tim Clark requested we repair his yard where the sewer pipes are located because the ground has settled since we lined the manhole in his front yard. On 8-20-19, Mrs. Clark mentioned this when she paid her bill at our office. On 9-4-19, Steve Knotte and I met with Mr. Tim Clark at 11800 E. Jackson Street to discuss this issue and I was directed to obtain a quote for the repair. We requested a quote from Delaware Construction and from Swallow's Landscape Service. We received a quote in the amount of \$940.00 from Swallow's Landscape Service.

Shall we proceed with the job?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_XXX

2. Today, BBC delivered the 5 HP pump that was rebuilt. This pump is for the Northwood lift station pump #1. They also took with them a 7.5 HP pump from the Whitney Road lift station - pump #2 which has a "Seal Fail" fault. We will receive a repair quote when they find out what is needed.
3. The printed circuit board that was removed from #1 generator last month has been repaired. We now have a spare that should work on both of the 150KV generators.

Submitted,

Jerry D. Zearbaugh, Supt