

**LIBERTY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

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

We still do not have a replacement board member for Adam Sewell.

Others in attendance were: Office Manager Kathy May, Superintendent Jerry Zearbaugh, Bookkeeper Peg Selvey, Attorney Mark Abrell, Engineer Rick Miller, Jared Routh, Mike Routh, Garrett Moore, Tyler Ridge, Brad Marshall, Jennifer Marlow, Blaire Steed and Mack Statom.

Mr. Knote opened the floor for new business.

New Business:

Mr. Knote recognized Tyler Ridge. Mr. Ridge, owner of Bailey's Place, a wedding venue to be built next spring as phase 2 of his business. The 1st phase is the restrooms, a stand-alone building. Mr. Ridge said when he was ready to connect the restrooms to LRWD's system, the maps showed taps had already been installed. As it turned out, the maps were wrong, so LRWD had to install them. Mr. Ridge had hired a vac truck to run his laterals to connect to our system and he had to pay extra because they waited for LRWD to do the taps. Mr. Ridge is asking the Board to have LRWD pay for the vac truck in the amount of \$3,135.00.

Mr. Knote told Mr. Ridge that it wouldn't be fair to the other customers to pay for his connection. Mr. Ridge would have had to have the vac truck for his laterals anyway. Mr. Knote told Mr. Ridge that the Board will discuss this and will get back with him. LRWD does accept some responsibility since the maps were incorrect, but the Board doesn't feel like they should be responsible for the entire bill.

Mr. Knote recognized Jared Routh. Mr. Routh purchased a property at 12000 E Jackson St at a tax sale or auction. The house needs a lot of remodeling and the well is bad. Mr. Routh is asking for a suspension of the billing until he gets a well drilled and the house remodeled.

Mr. Devine made a motion to give Mr. Routh until May 2020 to remodel and waived the 3 months prior bill in the amount of \$380.64. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knoté recognized Mack Statom. Mr. Statom had been remodeling a property at 1201 N CR 650 E and the Board had previously given him a 6 month waiver. Mr. Statom was asking for an extension until next month.

Mr. Graves made a motion to allow Mr. Statom an extension until next month to finish his house. Mr. Devine seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knoté recognized Blaire Steed. Ms. Steed just purchased a foreclosed property at 5008 E Hines Rd. The house has been vacant for several years and needs a lot of repair. Ms. Steed was asking the Board to allow her to remodel without paying a bill.

Mr. Reinke made a motion to allow Ms. Steed a waiver until April 2020. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knoté told the members that he and Mr. Graves had been working on a pay ordinance and would act on it in December's meeting.

Mr. Knoté and Jerry Zearbaugh met with the incoming mayor, Dan Ridenour, and discussed the proposal that Delaware Regional had offered, with Delaware having 7 members on the combined Board and LRWD have 2 members. Mr. Ridenour thought that was a great deal for Delaware Regional. Mr. Knoté told him that LRWD hadn't had any contact or discussions with Delaware since August.

Mr. Knoté said that LRWD couldn't reach an agreement or a fair agreement that was equitable to our customers.

Mr. Devine 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 \$121,058.34 were viewed and signed.

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

Mr. Knoté recognized Peg Selvey, Bookkeeper, for the financial report. Peg reported receipts for October 2019 were \$136,058.71 with disbursements of \$95,613.25 leaving \$40,445.46 in the black.

Peg will transfer \$4,044.55 to the sewage works.

As of today 11-2-19 the billing office has collected \$121,857.50, with disbursements of \$86,529.09 leaving \$35,328.41 in the black. This includes the MSD bill for \$36,351.77 for September 2019. The next bill will be \$38,291.50 for October 2019.

The year to date is \$1,655,608.35 with disbursements of \$1,796,755.95 leaving \$141,147.60 in the red plus \$100,000.00 CD leaving \$41,147.60 in the red.

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

Mr. Knotte recognized Attorney Mark Abrell. Mark told the Board that a mediation meeting was set for December 4th @ 9:00 a.m. in Attorney Malapit's office.

Mark told the Board that MSD had forwarded 500 pages to Mediator Jennifer Wilson. Mark is having a meeting with Jennifer Wilson on December 3rd @ 4:00 p.m. in his office. Mark said if any Board member is interested in attending can do so, so long as we don't have a quorum.

Mr. Knotte recognized Engineer Rick Miller. Rick told the Board that he has the report that the Board asked for about previous discussions concerning a treatment plant from 2006 to 2012. The cost is in the range of 10 to 12 million dollars.

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

Jerry informed the Board that in January 2020, Windows will cease to provide security updates for Windows 7 operating system. The telemetry system will require an upgrade to Windows 10. He has received a quote from Precision Controls for an update to our computer and software in the amount of \$3,830.00.

Mr. Graves made a motion to upgrade Jerry's computer with Windows 10 in the amount of \$3,830.00. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knotte recognized Office Manager Kathy May. Kathy had nothing to report.

Mr. Knotte seeing no further business adjourned the meeting.

Liberty Regional Waste District
Kathy May / Office Manager
November 21, 2019
Meeting adjourned @ 8:58p.m.