

**LIBERTY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 17, 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 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, Tim Smith and Breque VanHorn.

Mr. Knote opened the floor for new business.

New Business:

Mr. Knote shared with the other members that he was working on gathering information for automatic payment withdrawal for sewage payments.

Mr. Knote also told the members he would like for 2 members to form a committee to do a salary review before the next meeting. Mr. Graves said he would and Mr. Devine said he has always been on the committee, and Mr. Reinke abstained, so Mr. Knote said he would be on the committee.

Mr. Knote gave a summarization of the proposed joint treatment plant for the benefit of the 2 guests in the audience who. Attending was Breque VanHorn, President of the Selma Town Board and Tim Smith, Vice-President of Selma Town Board.

Mrs. VanHorn had a lot of questions about the proposed plant, about when, where and how much a plant would cost. Mr. Smith also had questions and input on the subject. The Board had very few answers because of lack of communication from Delaware Regional.

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 \$110,187.66 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. Knot recognized Peg Selvey, Bookkeeper, for the financial report. Peg reported receipts for September 2019 were \$246,376.50 with disbursements of \$229,034.16 leaving \$17,342.34 in the black.

Peg will transfer \$1,734.23 to the sewage works.

As of today 10-17-19 the billing office has collected \$109,013.26, with disbursements of \$85,071.77 leaving \$23,941.49 in the black. This includes the MSD bill for \$38,591.12 for August 2019. The next bill will be \$36,351.77 for September 2019.

The year to date is \$1,519,549.64 with disbursements of \$1,701,142.70 leaving \$181,593.06 in the red plus \$100,000.00 CD leaving \$81,593.06 in the red.

Mr. Graves 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 Recovery Plan from Keystone is due in the amount of \$275.00. This protects our history in case of fire. We send a backup drive to Keystone every month.

Mr. Devine made a motion to pay Keystone for the Recovery Plan. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knot recognized Attorney Mark Abrell. Mark told the Board that he received a letter from Delaware Regional with a proposed amended agreement. They propose that the building of the plant would be 50-50%. Their response to the combining of the boards was to be 7 members to begin with and increased to 9 members after the plant is completed. Two (2) members would be from Selma Town Board and then 3 members at completion. LRWD would be paying 50% but would only have 3 of 9 board members.

We would be giving up all of our power and their PER has LRWD paying more.

The original Inter Local Agreement was supposed to have a joint committee with meetings at least quarterly and perhaps monthly so that both entities would be kept informed, but this didn't happen. This is not a partnership, it is more like a take-over. It is supposed to be "ours", not LRWD or Delaware Regional. October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the only correspondence we have had since August.

Delaware Regional has commented that they will go on their own to build the plant. LRWD could possibly build our own for 10 million or less. The Board suggested we have Engineer Rick Miller to give us an estimate on what it would cost to build our own plant.

The Board decided to table any decisions until we get another board member in place.

Mark told the Board he will notify members when a mediation meeting date is set for the MSD lawsuit.

Mr. Knotte recognized Engineer Rick Miller. Rick told the Board that he has completed the plans for the taps to be installed at Tyler Ridge's wedding venue called Bailey's Place.

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

Mr. Knotte 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 by texting him. Mark will send a letter to Bradley Hickman about his missed arrangements.

The Board decided to give Joe Line until 9:00 a.m. on 10-22-19 to pay his bill. Mr. Devine made a motion to shut-off Joe Line on 10-22-19. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knotte seeing no further business adjourned the meeting.

Liberty Regional Waste District  
Kathy May / Office Manager  
October 17, 2019  
Meeting adjourned @ 9:58p.m.