

**LIBERTY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2020**

The LRWD board meeting was called to order by President Steve Knote @ 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held by WebEx remotely due to COVID 19 and social distancing.

Members participating was: Marla Cook, Brent Devine, Steve Graves, Steve Knote and Bruce Reinke.

Others participating was: Office Manager Kathy May, Superintendent Jerry Zearbaugh, Bookkeeper Peg Selvey and Attorney Mark Abrell, and Engineer Rick Miller.

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

Claims totaling \$178,660.21 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. Knote recognized Peg Selvey, Bookkeeper, for the financial report. Peg reported receipts for March 2020 were \$127,975.33 with disbursements of \$171,504.70 leaving \$43,529.37 in the red.

The year to date amount is \$400,067.08 with disbursements of \$431,746.81 leaving \$31,679.73 in the red.

As of today 4-16-20 the billing office has collected \$127,205.91 with disbursements of \$116,565.60 leaving \$10,640.31 in the black. This includes the MSD bill for \$85,376.07 for February 2020. The next bill will be \$115,047.79 for March 2020.

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

Peg told the Board that she paid the sewage bill to MSD online.

Peg also told the Board that we have received the report back from our Audit for 2018 & 2019. The report was very good and showed no unfavorable issues.

Mr. Knote recognized Attorney Mark Abrell. Mark prepared Resolution 2020-1 to allow Peg to pay bills that are due before a board meeting. The Resolution just needs one signature since we aren't having an open meeting for all the members to sign.

Mark told the Board that the settlement proposal for the MSD lawsuit is waiting for MSD board to see it. We are sticking to the April 2020 for the effective date for our sewage bill. Mark called their lawyer today but no answer.

Mark said the culvert fix has changed because INDOT has changed their rulings. The culvert cannot have concrete barriers on the ends. So that being said, it will cost a little more than what the insurance company paid. The cost was \$3,500.00 and it increased to \$4,150.00, which is \$800.00 difference. The culvert will have metal ends and back fill with gravel. Engineer Rick Miller said INDOT approved this.

Mr. Graves made a motion to move forward & pay the balance of \$800.00. Mr. Devine seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knote recognized Engineer Rick Miller. Rick said all that he had was discussed with the culvert issue.

Mr. Knote recognized Superintendent Jerry Zearbaugh. Jerry got the quote from Buckeye Power of \$6,210.00 a year to service all the generators. The Board approved the contract subject to Attorney Mark Abrell altering the language.

Mr. Devine made a motion to accept the contract with Buckeye Power subject to contract language being altered by Attorney Mark Abrell. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knote recognized Kathy May. Kathy asked the Board if we are charging the \$2.00 on phone in charges and penalties this month.

Mr. Devine made a motion to not charge the \$2.00 or penalties until the crisis is over. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Kathy asked about charging penalties for schools and the Armory. Mark said those accounts are not exempt from penalties. Kathy said these accounts had never been charged since she had worked here. The Board thought maybe we should send a letter informing these customers about the penalty rule.

Mr. Knote told the Board that he will record this virtual meeting & video and send the link to everyone.

Mr. Knote will announce meetings on the LRWD website.

Mr. Knote seeing no further business, adjourned the meeting.

Liberty Regional Waste District
Kathy May / Office Manager
April 16, 2020
Meeting adjourned @ 8:05 p.m.,