

**LIBERTY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2020**

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

Members participating were: Brent Devine, Steve Knoté and Bruce Reinke. Marla Cook and Steve Graves were absent.

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

New Business:

Mr. Knoté asked the other members what their thoughts are about opening the office for customers.

Mr. Reinke feels that as long as we are still having virtual meetings we shouldn't expect the office to be open for customers to come in. Mr. Devine feels the same way as Mr. Reinke.

Engineer Rick Miller said a lot of Indy offices aren't opening until 9-7-20. Attorney Mark Abrell said that Delaware County buildings are open but you must wear masks. Mr. Knoté said we will continue with the plan that we currently have in force.

Mr. Devine made a motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting as written. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, vote by roll call, motion carried.

Claims totaling \$104,781.41 were viewed and signed.

Mr. Reinke made a motion to accept the claims as written. Mr. Devine seconded the motion, vote by roll call, motion carried.

Mr. Knoté recognized Peg Selvey, Bookkeeper, for the financial report. Peg reported receipts for May 2020 were \$122,173.96 with disbursements of \$131,000.43 leaving \$8,826.47 in the red.

The year to date amount is \$666,210.19 with disbursements of \$700,995.77 leaving \$34,785.58 in the red.

As of today 6-18-20 the billing office has collected \$115,823.73 plus \$119.99 (check from Battery Masters over payment) = \$115,943.72 with disbursements of \$78,851.25 leaving \$37,092.47 in the black.

This includes the MSD bill for \$39,409.50 for April 2020. Attorney Mark Abrell told Peg to pay the bill with a rate of \$2.49 per hundred cubic feet in the amount of \$17,554.50.

Peg told the Board that MSD had sent a delinquent bill and charging a 10% penalty. Attorney Mark Abrell told her to ignore it and it would be fine because it is a contractual situation. Peg is to pay the bill at the lower rate but not the penalties.

The next bill will be \$52,232.96 for May 2020. Mark told Peg to pay \$23,266.56 @ the \$2.49 rate for now.

Peg said the SRF is coming out of the Bond & Interest that we already pay monthly.

Peg told the Board that a company that sends checks for customers by online banking has asked Kathy if they can direct deposit the payments and email the list of payments to us. The Board said if Kathy says it will work, then they are okay with it.

Mr. Devine made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, vote by roll call, motion carried.

Mr. Knotte recognized Attorney Mark Abrell.

Mark told the Board that he had a remote meeting with Jennifer Wilson and checked with Dean Rogers. They removed the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) and should have taken off 3 cents but they still came back with a charge of \$2.49, the same as before.

Mark says we need a contract that spells out everything and any expenses that may surface.

They keep adding everything into administrative charges without explanation. We need to examine every charge and check everything. We don't want it to rise next year and be in the same situation we are in now.

Maybe Jennifer Wilson will hopefully have some news next week.

Mr. Knotte recognized Engineer Rick Miller. Rick told the Board that he would check to see if the pump that Jerry wants will work at lift station #3 located between Selma & Parker. Rick will get a quote for the pump.

Mr. Knotte recognized Superintendent Jerry Zearbaugh. Jerry told the Board that #3 lift station pump failed. The pump was installed in 2013. The cost to rebuild the hydromatic pump is \$4,975.00 plus \$1350.00 for a new impeller, totaling \$6325.00 and a new explosion proof grinder pump is \$6,760.00. The remainder of Jerry's minutes are attached.

Mr. Knotte recognized Kathy May. Kathy asked the Board if we are going to continue waiving the \$2.00 on phone-in charges and monthly penalties this month. The members said to continue with the current plan, so no vote is required.

Mr. Knotte seeing no further business adjourned the meeting.

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Kathy May / Office Manager

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Meeting adjourned @ 8:13 p.m.

Notes for LRWD Board Meeting

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- 1. 5-22-20 – Our 1999 GMC was involved in an auto accident at Albany & Muncie Streets in Selma. There was damage to both vehicles, however no one was hurt physically.**
- 2. 5-22-20 - The culvert at #1 Lift Station was paved by American Asphalt for \$600.00.**
- 3. 5-28-20 – Culy (Dalton) found the lateral for the old VP on CR 400 E. We also had Culy (Michael & Kyle) pull #1 pump at the Truitt Road lift station to remove a clog and replace a worn flange seal.**

Submitted,

Jerry D Zearbaugh, Supt.