

**LIBERTY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 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: Marla Cook, Brent Devine, Steve Graves, Steve Knoté and Bruce Reinke.

Others participating were: Rosemyra Ritchey's daughter-in-law Lori Ritchey, Office Manager Kathy May, Superintendent Jerry Zearbaugh, Bookkeeper Peg Selvey and Attorney Mark Abrell, and Engineer Rick Miller.

New Business: Mr. Knoté recognized Mrs. Rosemyra Ritchey's daughter-in-law, Lori Ritchey representing Mrs. Ritchey who is 92 years old. Mrs. Ritchey now lives at Westminster Condos. Someone went in her condo at 4848 E Heritage Circle and evidently left the toilet running. Mrs. Ritchey said the Water Company gave her a credit.

Kathy checked with the Water Co and they said Ritchey's rejected the \$37.00 credit offered and asked for the dispute team to research the leak. The dispute team offered them \$42.00 and they left Ritchey's a voicemail, a text and an e-mail message and told them to call back for the credit. On June 24th the credit was voided because Ritchey's didn't call back.

Mrs. Ritchey said she would call the Water Company on Friday. July 17.

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 \$132,554.89 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 June 2020 were \$143,210.40 with disbursements of \$90,229.47 leaving \$52,980.93 in the black.

Peg deposited \$5,298.09 in the Sewage Works fund.

The year to date amount is \$809,420.59 with disbursements of \$791,225.24 leaving \$18,195.35 in the black.

As of today 7-16-20 the billing office has collected \$101,906.59 with disbursements of \$65,461.08 leaving \$36,445.51 in the black.

This includes the MSD sewage bill for May 2020 in the amount of \$52,232.96 at regular rate or \$23,266.56 @ the rate of \$2.49. The next bill for June 2020 will be \$155,196.96 or \$13,991.31 @ the rate of \$2.49.

Peg told the Board that the CD matures on 8-12-20 at Thrive Credit Union in the amount of \$100,000.00. Peg needs a motion to take bids and purchase a new one because it comes due before the next board meeting.

Mr. Devine made a motion to allow Peg to take bids and purchase a new CD. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion, vote by roll call, motion carried.

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

Mr. Knote recognized Attorney Mark Abrell. Mark told the Board that he e-mailed LRWD's proposal to Josh Brown on 7-6-20 but he didn't reply to Jennifer Wilson.

Mark called Josh today but he didn't answer back. Mark said some of the sections on the spread sheet did not match up. They had us paying for storm water. Mark said we didn't have a problem paying \$2.49 but didn't want to pay for something we weren't supposed to.

Mark said the spreadsheet has a way of putting lots of things in the administrative expenses and we pay a higher portion. Mark wants our costs to be categorized into one place so we pay for only things that pertain to the treatment plant. This would eliminate us going back to check everything and spend money for Jennifer Wilson or Mark to check a huge amount of issues or expenditures.

Mark would like for the Board to give him support to get us a deal. MSD hasn't had any executive meetings. We want treatment plant charges only. No contract is going to be perfect, but we also don't want to walk past the good while looking for the perfect.

Mr. Devine made a motion for the Board to support Mark & Jennifer Wilson to execute a settlement to the lawsuit. Mr. Reinke seconded the motion, vote by roll call, motion carried.

Mark will send an e-mail to Josh Brown tonight since Monday, July 20, 2020 is the deadline for the contract.

Mark said he will make it clear that we can have a special meeting to settle this.

Mr. Knote recognized Engineer Rick Miller. Rick told the Board that the pump that Jerry wants to get for lift station #3 will work. Jerry will discuss price in his report.

Mr. Knote recognized Superintendent Jerry Zearbaugh. Jerry told the Board that he is taking his vacation the last 2 weeks of August and Rich will cover for him. Jerry's minutes are attached.

Mr. Knotte recognized Kathy May. Kathy told the Board that we received a direct deposit to our checking account for the liens she filed, in the amount of \$13,064.51.

The Board decided to waive all penalties until after school starts on August 10, 2020 and also wait to open the office until then or after.

Mr. Knotte seeing no further business adjourned the meeting.

Liberty Regional Waste District
Kathy May / Office Manager
July 16, 2020
Meeting adjourned @ 8:21 p.m.

Notes for LRWD Board Meeting

July 16, 2020

- 1. On 5-20-20 pump #1 at our #3 Lift Station developed a grounded motor after 3 years of use. This pump was purchased in November 2013 as a spare pump dedicated to this lift station. We installed this pump in September of 2017. We have a quote from the Indiana Pump Works to repair this pump in the amount of \$4975.00 providing the impeller is still good. If the impeller needs replaced then an additional amount of \$1350.00 is quoted, which would total \$6325.00.**

A new Hydromatic pump like the original would be \$8,880.00.

We have received a quote from Indiana Pump Works in the amount of \$6760.00 for a Liberty Pump (Made in USA) that will replace the Hydromatic pump. Our engineering department researched the hydraulics data pump curve and has informed me that this pump could be used at #3 Lift Station.

- 2. On July 3rd, the Board approved the purchase of a 7.5 HP Liberty pump for #3 Lift Station. The order has been placed with Indiana Pump Works and is expected to be here before the end of the month.**

Submitted,

Jerry D Zearbaugh, Supt.