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**LIBERTY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2022**

The LRWD board meeting was called to order by President Steve Knote @ 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance were: Jeremi Dobbs, Steve Knote and Steve Graves.  
Members Marla Cook and Brent Devine were absent.

Others present were: Office Manager Kathy May, Superintendent Tim Gibson,  
Bookkeeper Peg Selvey, Attorney Mark Abrell and customer Mike Jones.

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

Claims totaling \$220,092.78 were viewed and signed.

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

Mr. Knote recognized Bookkeeper Peg Selvey for the financial report.

Peg reported the receipts for March 2022 were \$209,211.91 with disbursements of  
\$180,478.91 leaving \$28,733.00 in the black.  
Year to date is \$392,729.12 with disbursements of \$375,406.04 leaving \$17,323.08 in the  
black.

Peg transferred \$667.51 for January and \$2873.30 for March to the Sewage Works fund.  
Peg said the Sewage Works Fund has a balance of \$79,182.07.

As of today 4-21-22, the billing office has collected \$78,994.33 with disbursements of  
\$92,031.41 leaving \$13,037.08 in the red. This includes the MSD bill in the amount of  
\$39,371.49. The next MSD bill will be \$39,316.71

Peg reported that she filed the Census report on 4-8-21.

Peg told the Board that she purchased the CD at Thrive Credit Union at .5% interest rate.  
Mr. Dobbs made a motion to ratify the purchase of the CD from a motion to buy from  
last month's meeting. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Peg told the Board that she needs a motion to pay Dague Builders to pay for a sewer cap  
for a manhole cover. Mr. Graves made a motion to pay for the sewer cap in the amount  
of \$35.00. Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Peg told the Board she also needs a motion to pay for the Buzz Box sewer line locator. Mr. Dobbs made a motion to pay for the Buzz Box in the amount of \$2,690.00. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Graves made a motion to accept the financial report as written. Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knote opened the floor for new business. Mr. Knote recognized customer Mike Jones. Mr. Jones's grinder pump went bad and Tim & Rich put in a loaner pump. An E-One representative charged Mr. Jones \$310.00 to pull the old one. A new E-One pump cost \$3900.00 or repair the old one for \$1500.00. Mr. Jones says he has had numerous problems, but we can only find record for 2 and maybe 3 times. Mr. Jones would like to disconnect from the system and go back to his septic.

Attorney Mark Abrell told him the statute only allows a customer to disconnect within 60 days from the time our system went past his house in 2005.

Mr. Jones would have to have a working septic and it would have to be inspected by the health department. The septic was put in, in 1996 and is over 20 years old.

Mr. Jones is going to think it over and report back to the Board.

Mr. Knote opened the floor for old business. There wasn't any old business.

The Board discussed offering a service to customers by buying a few grinder pumps at our cost and then offer the customer a new pump at a discounted cost. If the customer couldn't afford to pay all at one time, we could put the pump in and offer financing. We could take the old pumps and sell to someone to refurbish.

The Board wants Tim to get quotes on buying several pumps and check to see if warranty starts when purchased or when it is installed.

Mr. Knote recognized Attorney Mark Abrell. Mark didn't have anything to report.

Mr. Knote recognized Superintendent Tim Gibson. Tim told the Board that he had taken the attachments to Bobcat and exchanged them for the snow box for an even trade.

Tim told the Board that the GMC blue truck wasn't running right so he took it to Stoops and they said it was the diesel exhaust system and it would cost \$12,167.00 to repair it. Mr. Dobbs said we need to take it for a second opinion. Tim knows of a place in Alexandria, "Compression Motor Sports" that works on diesel trucks. Mr. Dobbs also suggested KDP Diesel in Mooreland, IN.

Tim reported that the fence & gate at the lift station in Hyde Park had been hit & is falling down. Tim contacted Dan Hensley and Dan said it would cost \$1600.00 to fix. Tim suggested to Dan that he repair it and in turn pay his past due sewage bill with the money. The Board didn't approve this. The Board wants to check with our insurance company and see what coverage we have on this.

Tim told the Board that I&M electric had hit our sewer line over on Centennial at a new residence @ 6285 E Centennial Ave. Tim said the locate came in at the same time as Bart Keesling's locate and Bart knew where the line was so Tim thought Bart located it. Mark Abrell asked Tim if he reported it to IDEM? Tim said no. Mark told the Board it should be reported. Mark told Tim to contact him and he would help Tim with the paper work.

Mr. Knotte recognized Office Manager Kathy May. Kathy told the Board that there are properties with past due accounts on the trial balance that we will never be able to collect. Mark told the Board that if the properties have sold, we can't collect from the new owner.

The properties have either been sold in a tax sale, sheriff's sale or commissioner's sale. One property on Country Club Rd has a huge tree on top of the house and one in Hyde Park is unlivable with no windows.

\$ 815.60 100 S CR 700 E  
 543.78 212 N NORTHWOOD DR  
 1420.07 8001 E GLOUCESTER Rd Unlivable Commissioner's sale  
 4477.20 7501 E PICADILLY Rd Tax sale. Has new owner  
 2677.36 7405 E PICADILLY Rd Commissioner's sale. New owner  
 3157.13 1112 N COUNTRY CLUB RD House has tree in roof  
**\$13,091.14**

Mr. Dobbs made a motion to write off these delinquent accounts. Mr. Graves seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

The Board also said to cap-off 8001 E Gloucester Rd and 1112 N Country Club Rd.

Kathy told the Board that we sent a letter to Jim & Jill Kinder and put one on their door on 3-18-22 and then Tim shut them off on 3-29-22. On 4-1-22 Jill called & wanted to pay half of the bill. Tim ask the Board & they decided that if she paid the \$326.00 on 4-1-22, they would turn it back on and she is to pay the current bill plus a \$200.00 deposit on 4-14-22 making a total of \$251.11. If not paid on 4-14-22 we will shut it off again. The \$200.00 deposit will be returned or credited after 2 years if they remain current and pay on time.

Tim text Jill twice on 4-14-22 and she didn't respond. At 4:02 p.m. Tim went over and shut it off again. Jim Kinder came out and said they would pay now. They brought cash to the office & we stayed open to wait on the son to bring the money in.

Mr. Knotte seeing no further business adjourned the meeting.

Liberty Regional Waste District  
 Kathy May / Office Manager  
 April 21, 2022  
 Meeting adjourned @ 9:41 p.m.