

**LIBERTY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2022**

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

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

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

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

Claims totaling \$108,587.59 were viewed and signed.

Mr. Devine made a motion to accept the claims as written. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

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

Peg reported the receipts for May 2022 were \$102,844.68 with disbursements of \$93,389.45 leaving \$9,455.23 in the black.

Peg transferred \$945.52 to the sewage works fund.

Year to date is \$581,943.58 with disbursements of \$573,823.74 leaving \$8,119.84 in the black.

As of today 6-16-22, the billing office has collected \$83,610.51 with disbursements of \$83,987.60 leaving \$377.09 in the red. This includes the MSD bill in the amount of \$30,634.08. The next MSD bill will be \$26,789.52.

Peg told the Board that Comcast & Verizon removed the late charges created by her not receiving the bills.

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

Mr. Knoté opened the floor for new business. Mr. Knoté told the Board that it had been brought to his attention that businesses are closing in recognition of the new federal holiday, Juneteenth Day. He asked the Board members if our office should close. The post office and bank will be closed.

Mr. Devine made a motion to allow the business office to be closed on Monday, June 20, 2022. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knoté told the members that GRW Engineering has not contacted him for several months. He asked if the members would like to reach out to Engineer Rick Miller and see if he wants to come back. He knows our system very well and has been our engineer for many years. Mark Abrell told the members they could decide if they want Rick to attend every monthly meeting or if just when they needed his services. He said the Board could make that decision when they prepare a contract with him.

Mark Abrell said he would contact Joe Tierney at GRW. We want to leave on good terms.

Mr. Dobbs made a motion to hire MS Consulting Inc and Rick Miller. Mrs. Cook seconded the motion, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Knoté opened the floor for old business. Mr. Knoté told the Board that they should raise the deductible for the insurance premiums to \$500/\$1000 deductible.

Mr. Knoté recognized Attorney Mark Abrell. Mark told the Board that he could prepare a grinder pump proposal if they decided to buy some pumps & sell them to customers whose pumps went bad. Some of the issues they should consider are how many pumps to purchase to have on hand, financing, if the customer doesn't pay on time, penalty amount, if they fail completely to pay do we shut-off and do we charge interest and if so, how much. Other things to consider is having customer attend a meeting and explain financial circumstance, have they paid current bill for a year, are they credit worthy and the pump should be paid off by the time the warranty expires.

Mr. Knoté recognized Superintendent Tim Gibson. Tim told the Board that the telemetry wasn't working and he called Precision Control and after several phone calls they had no idea what the problem was and didn't know how to fix it. So, Tim called David Porter, who doesn't work for Precision anymore but he is the person who set the system up years back. Tim wants to know if he can contact David to see if we can hire him back. The Board agreed we should contact David.

Tim said he tried to contact Bart Keesling about the 2 cap-offs that we hired Bart to do by June 30th. Tim hasn't heard back from Bart.

Mr. Knoté recognized Office Manager Kathy May. Kathy had nothing new to report.

Mr. Knoté seeing no further business adjourned the meeting.

Liberty Regional Waste District
Kathy May / Office Manager
June 16, 2022
Meeting adjourned @ 8:21 p.m.