

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
11/10/2021 Board Meeting Minutes
South Boulevard County Building
110 W South Boulevard
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The Montgomery County Regional Water & Sewer District met in session via virtual meeting platform on Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 at 3:01pm. The meeting was conducted via Zoom Meeting and was organized at the South Boulevard County Building, 110 W South Boulevard, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Board members present were: Dan Guard, Mark Davidson, Greg Morrison, Brad Monts, and Jake Bohlander.

Also present: Sewer District Attorney Stu Weliever- Henthorn Harris Weliever & Petrie P.C.; Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies; Tom Klein; Lana Beregszazi and Davis Lamm - BCS Management; Amy Moore- VS Engineering; Scott Hornsby - GAI Consultants.

Call to Order – Chairman Dan Guard called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

I. Management & Administration:

A. Minutes & Board Meeting Schedule

Minutes for the 10/13/2021 regular board meeting and 10/20/2021 special board meeting were provided by BCS Management for board approval. *Greg Morrison motioned to approve the minutes from 10/13/2021 and 10/20/2021. Mark Davidson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. (Brad Monts and Jake Bohlander had not joined the Zoom call at the time of this vote)*

B. Maintenance Report - Astbury Water Technology

Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies reported that there have been no issues at the plant and influent strength has been noticeably lower since Astbury's meeting with Nucor.

Astbury visited the 1827 Chigger Hollow property to inspect the potential sinkhole near the main. The property owner was initially hostile, but the situation cooled down and an inspection was completed. District attorney Stu Weliever sent a letter to the property owner informing him that the ground disturbance was not a result of an issue with the collection system.

The sludge holding tank will need to be pumped out by the end of the year. Astbury will report to the board the expected cost of the sludge removal at a later date.

The VFD drive and alarm on the influent lift station pump have been repaired.

Regarding the actuator situation, a modification kit will be purchased to allow cheaper, non-explosion-proof actuators to be used in the future. In the opinions of Astbury and GAI, there is no reason to have explosion-proof actuators in outdoor locations within the plant.

Brad Monts motioned to authorize \$3620.36 to purchase the actuator conversion kit. Greg Morrison seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Astbury will be applying for the renewal of the plant's IDEM permit.

Mark Davidson motioned to authorize \$750.00 to renew the Nucor Road WWTP IDEM permit. Greg Morrison seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Website Report – BCS Management

BCS Management continues to test and update the website. Minutes and agendas have been posted and various updates have been made. Ms. Beregszazi noted that website traffic is down this month.

D. New Connections – BCS Management

BCS Management reported that there have been no new connections since last month.

II. Project Updates:

A. WWTP Expansion

BCS and GAI had a meeting earlier in the week to review the plan for moving forward with the WWTP expansion design. GAI has been held up by some of its subcontractors, but intends to have the plans completed by the December board meeting.

EDA Grant

BCS Management has been working with Thrive West Central and GAI to complete the EDA grant application. BCS has been working through issues with the federal government's online portals. Only two letters of support have been returned by local businesses. GAI is currently completing the technical data section of the grant application and another consultant will be needed to complete the environmental section of the application. BCS is planning to submit the application by the end of the year.

B. Comfort Drive / CR200S Corridor

Amy Moore, VS Engineering, reported that three firms bid on the project and F&K Construction had the lowest bid, which, even allowing for 10% changes, will have a total cost a quarter million dollars lower than the engineer's projected cost.

III. Old Business

A. Connection Exemptions

District Attorney Stu Weliever reported that after last month's special meeting and the decision of the board to grant an exemption to Dunn Contracting, more work is needed to ensure that the board's policies regarding exemptions will be codified and consistent. BCS, VS Engineering, and Mr. Weliever will work on the exemption policy and present it to the board at a later date.

Mark Davidson commented that he still believes that the Freese property / Dunn Contracting exemption was made due to special and unique circumstances that will not face future property owners. Amy Moore, district engineer, stated that every property along Nucor Road and 400 will be in the same situation as the Freese property since they will require grinder pump units to connect to the force main. Due to the design, no gravity connections are possible along Nucor Road and Low Pressure Sewer Areas. This will create a situation where many properties will be in the same "unique" position as 1359 S Nucor Road.

IV. Treasurer's Report

A. Accounts Payable Claims = \$20,426.26

Brad Monts motioned to approve claims totaling \$20,426.26 as presented. Greg Morrison seconded.

Motion passed 4-0 (Jake Bohlander disconnected from the Zoom call prior to this vote)

V. Adjournment

Ms. Beregszazi stated that it is extremely important to have quorum at the December board meeting since there will be essential business that needs to be completed by the end of the year.

Dan Guard motioned to move the December 8th board meeting 10:30AM. Mark Davidson seconded.

Motion passed 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:02pm.

Submitted by Davis Lamm – Project Manager - BCS Management

Approved this ____ day of December, 2021.

Dan Guard, President