

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
10/13/2021 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, October 13th, 2021 at 3:00pm. 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: Chairman Dan Guard, Greg Morrison, Mark Davidson, and Brad Monts.

Also present: Sewer District Attorney Stu Weliever- Henthorn Harris Weliever & Petrie P.C.; Tom Astbury- Astbury Water Technologies; Jim Peck – County Engineer; Lana Beregszazi and Davis Lamm - BCS Management; Amy Moore- VS Engineering; Amy Cating, In the Black; Lori Dossett; Scott Hornsby - GAI Consultants, Matt Bentley – Nucor Steel.

Guests present: Brittany McCloud – Dutcher Trenching; Kasey Dunn – Dunn Contracting

I. Call to Order – Chairman Dan Guard called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

I. Management & Administration:

A. Minutes & Board Meeting Schedule

Minutes for 09/08/2021 were provided by BCS Management for board approval. *Greg Morrison motioned to approve the minutes from 09/08/2021. Mark Davidson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.*

B. Maintenance Report - Astbury Water Technology

Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies, stated that the plant continues to operate in compliance. There have been no high strength influent issues since Astbury's meeting with Nucor.

Astbury responded to a power surge at the SR32E lift station on October 3rd. The lift station's VFT drive has been operating in manual mode and a new maintenance contractor has been found to fix it at a lower cost. Regarding the explosion-proof actuator, Astbury has purchased a conversion kit so a significantly cheaper part can be used to fix the actuator.

Kyle visited the property of a homeowner who spotted a sinkhole near the sewer lateral. He could not find any evidence of an issue with the collection system. Astbury does not recommend further spending to investigate this issue.

C. Website Report – BCS Management

BCS Management continues to monitor and update the website. Minutes and agendas have been posted and various updates have been made

D. New Connections

Dunn Contracting applied for a permit, but is seeking a connection exemption from the district because a septic system would save their customer money.

II. Project Updates:

A. EDA Grant

BCS Management is working with Thrive West Central and the RDC to secure federal funding for the WWTP expansion.

B. WWTP Expansion Design

Scott Hornsby from GAI Consultants reports that Shannon is leaving the company, but GAI will continue to make progress and finish the project.

A guest asked if a new operator would be needed after the plant expansion. Tom Astbury reported that the addition of a new operator would be determined after the expansion is completed.

III. New Business

A. STEP Agreement

District attorney Stu Weliever noted that this agreement is not new, just an update per guidance from the district engineer.

B. New Connections – Dunn Contracting

Dan Guard stated that he has not had enough time to review the details of this situation and will not act until he has more time to understand what’s happening. He also asked all guests and district contractors to give him more time to review items that need to be discussed in a public meeting. Sending problems to him 24 hours before a meeting is not conducive to making progress.

Mr. Weliever reported that any connection exemption would conflict with state and county code.

Greg Morrison inquired about the elevation of the property in question and why it needed a grinder pump unit. District engineer Amy Moore, VS Engineering, reported that regardless of the property’s elevation, there is no gravity sewer on that section of the collection system, so a grinder station will be required.

Dan Guard motioned to hold a special board meeting on Wednesday, October 20th to review a possible connection exemption. Mark Davidson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

IV. Treasurer’s Report

A. Accounts Payable Claims = \$29,553.53

Brad Monts motioned to approve a claim for \$29,553.53 as presented. Mark Davidson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

V. Adjournment

Having no other business to come before the Board, Brad Monts moved to adjourn. Dan Guard seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.

Submitted by Davis Lamm – Project Manager - BCS Management

Approved this ___ day of November, 2021.

Dan Guard, President