

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
03/09/2022 Board Meeting Minutes
South Boulevard County Building
110 W South Boulevard
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The Montgomery County Regional Water & Sewer District met on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at 3:00pm. The meeting occurred at the South Boulevard County Building, 110 W South Boulevard, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Board members present were: Chairman Dan Guard, Jake Bohlander, Greg Morrison, and Brad Monts.

Also present: Sewer District Attorney Stu Weliever- Henthorn Harris Weliever & Petrie P.C.; Tom Astbury- Astbury Water Technologies; Lana Beregszazi - BCS Management; Amy Moore- VS Engineering; Amy Cating, In the Black; Lori Dossett; Scott Hornsby - GAI Consultants.

Guests present: Kris Krueger (Thrive West Central)

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

I. Management & Administration:

a. Minutes Approval

Minutes for 02/09/2021 were provided by BCS Management for board approval.

Brad Monts motioned to approve the minutes from 02/09/2022. Jake Bohlander 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. He noted that the plant was operating at about 50% capacity. Some minor exceedances in January caused by the decanter pin issue. All removal percentages were above 96%. Preventative maintenance was completed on all blowers and emergency generators.

Astbury needs approval to have Karl Environmental remove between 80k and 100k gallons of activated sludge. They quoted between \$14,720 and \$18,400. Mr. Astbury noted that this is two years of sludge that has been highly processed to ensure the district is paying to dispose of as little liquid as possible.

Astbury is required to disinfect for E. coli every year and will be restarting the UV unit. The bulbs and lamps have reached the end of their service life. Astbury was quoted \$2,831.88 plus freight for replacements.

Lana Beregszazi, BCS Management, asked Mr. Astbury if the aforementioned budget items were included in Astbury's 2022 projected maintenance budget. Mr. Astbury confirmed that these expenditures are reflected in the budget sent to the district at the beginning of the year.

Brad Monts asked why the budget only anticipated a cost of \$10,000 for sludge removal, but the quotes are almost 50% or 100% higher. Mr. Astbury explained that the \$10,000 budgeted for sludge removal was an annualized number, but the quotes presented today were for two years' worth of sludge removal, since no sludge removal was done in 2020 or 2021. Mr. Astbury also noted that Karl's expenses have increased due to rising fuel prices and inflation.

Mr. Monts asked if Karl could do \$10,000 worth of sludge removal. Mr. Astbury said that \$10,000 of sludge removal would take care of the plant for the year.

Dan Guard requested that the annual budget keep \$10,000 available for sludge removal and for any unused part of that line item accrue.

Brad Monts motions to approve Astbury's expenditure of \$10,000.00 for sludge removal and \$2,831.88 plus freight for UV system replacement parts. Greg Morrison seconded. Motion passes 4-0.

Mr. Astbury noted that we're approaching the warranty period for the E-One pumps. Astbury has enough spare parts and any issues will be covered by the budget.

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. BCS will be adding a specific connections page.

d. New Connections

There have been no new connection applications this month. One new residential property connected successfully in late February. Jim Peck completed the inspection and the customer will receive regular billing starting in March.

II. Project Updates:

a. WWTP Expansion Design

Scott Hornsby from GAI Consultants reports that the final design plans are complete, but not the complete specifications. GAI will use a file share software to get them to BCS. Hardcopies will also be available. Dan Guard requested a hard copy for the building department.

Ms. Beregszazi reported that the EDA grant application has been paused until the RDC can secure the support of Nucor in writing.

Kris Krueger from Thrive West Central met the board and gave an overview of the EDA grant process.

III. Old Business

a. Adoption of the revised new user connection agreement and exemption policy

i. Brad Monts motions to approve the revised new user connection agreement and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-01 as presented. Greg Morrison seconds. Motion passes 4-0.

b. New locates provider

i. USIC has successfully taken over locates for the district.

c. Commercial user survey update

i. BCS has been following up with commercial users, who have not been responsive to the requests to complete EDU surveys.

IV. New Business

a. Lease of acreage owned by the district

i. District Attorney Stu Weliever noted that the district owns about 7 acres that have been leased for farming in the past. No action needs to be taken now, but it's something the board should consider bidding out in the next few months.

b. Amendments to the rate ordinance

i. Mr. Weliever reported that on the advice of Amy Moore he will be adding a provision to the rate ordinance for actions to be taken in the event a check bounces and the district needs to pursue a customer to collect unpaid funds.

V. Treasurer's Report

a. Accounts Payable Claims = \$39,192.55

*Brad Monts motioned to approve a claim for \$39,192.55 as presented. Greg Morrison seconded.
Motion passed 4-0.*

VI. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:46pm.

Submitted by Davis Lamm – Project Manager - BCS Management

Approved this ___ day of April, 2022.

Dan Guard, President