

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
08/10/2022 Board Meeting Minutes
Montgomery County Government Center
1580 Constitution Row - Suite E
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The Montgomery County Regional Water & Sewer District met on Wednesday, August 10th, 2022 at 3:00pm. The meeting occurred at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row - Suite E Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Board members present were: Jake Bohlander, Brad Monts, and Greg Morrison

Also present: Sewer District Attorney Stu Weliever- Henthorn Harris Weliever & Petrie P.C.; Tom Astbury- Astbury Water Technologies; Lana Beregszazi and Davis Lamm - BCS Management; Amy Moore and Jacob Beebe - VS Engineering; Amy Cating, In the Black; Lori Dossett; and Marc Bonwell, Montgomery County Building Department.

Guests: Linda Morris (customer)

I. Call to Order – Brad Monts called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

I. Management & Administration:

Minutes Approval

Minutes for 07/13/2022 were provided by BCS Management for board approval.

Jake Bohlander motioned to approve the minutes from 07/13/2022. Greg Morrison seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Maintenance Report - Astbury Water Technology

Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies, reported that removal percentages from the latest report were all above 97%.

Astbury is working with a contractor to fix the damaged manhole at Nucor Road and 300S.

One of the two influent lift station pumps failed. Since it is near the end of its service life, a new one will likely be purchased.

Website Report – BCS Management

BCS Management reports that site traffic is down after several months of increasing traffic. BCS has updated several pages. Integration of the new electronic payment system is in progress as BCS works with Astbury and Amy Cating.

New Connections

Tempur Sealy's connection is still not tested or approved by the district. Its connection fee will be paid later this month by the RDA.

II. Old Business

Mace and Linnsburg septic elimination

Amy Moore, VS Engineering presented the results of the engineering study conducted to determine the rough cost of expanding the collection system to the communities of Mace and Linnsburg. Summarizing her memo sent to the board, Ms. Moore reports that construction costs for a gravity system with one regional lift station would be about \$6.75MM and construction of a low-pressure system would be about \$4.8MM. This system would serve up to 126 new customers.

Ms. Moore also investigated potential funding options, including USDA Rural Development, SRF, and OCRA. USDA RD funding would be the best option because grants do not require income surveys or lengthy public comment solicitation. Ms. Moore will continue to work with the Crawfordsville-based USDA office to get more information and move the process of application along if the board approves this project.

Conice LLC Property

Marc Bonwell, Montgomery County Building Department, reported on a meeting at the property with DLZ and Eagle Valley. They determined that the property was not connected to the grinder pump and could not locate the property's septic tank. District Attorney Stu Weliever recommended this be handled by the Health Department. Mr. Weliever will send a letter to the property owners and the Health Department to notify them that the building needs to be connected to the grinder pump in order to be occupied.

52 N. 400 E. Connection

Mr. Weliever suggested handling this situation like the Munn connection in Chigger Hollow. While the district lacks the legal authority to force the contractor to change the grinder pump to the correct specifications, it can provide information and letters to support the homeowners in enforcing their contract with the homebuilder and David Price Excavating.

Commercial user excessive strength testing

Mr. Weliever reported that the district can charge commercial users for excessive strength testing costs since the rate and sewer use ordinances establish that testing is the customer's responsibility.

III. Treasurer's Report

Accounts Payable Claims = \$28,071.34

Brad Monts motioned to approve claims for \$28,071.34 as presented. Greg Morrison seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bank Balance: \$146,667.93

IV. Adjournment

Having no other business to come before the Board, Brad Monts moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:21pm.

Submitted by Davis Lamm – BCS Management

Approved this ___ day of September, 2022.

Dan Guard, President