

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT  
10/12/2022 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, October 12th, 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: Dan Guard, Mark Davidson, Greg Morrison, and Brad Monts.

Also present: Sewer District Attorney Stu Weliever- Henthorn Harris Weliever & Petrie P.C.; Tom Astbury- Astbury Water Technologies; Davis Lamm - BCS Management; Amy Moore - VS Engineering; Amy Cating, In the Black; and Lori Dossett.

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

**I. Management & Administration:**

**Minutes Approval**

Minutes for 09/14/2022 were provided by BCS Management for board approval.

*Brad Monts motioned to approve the minutes from 09/14/2022. Greg Morrison seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

**Maintenance Report - Astbury Water Technology**

Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies, reported that the plant has continued to operate in compliance. Replacement parts for the influent lift station pump are on hand. Repairs on the influent lift station pump will likely be complete by November. The plant is operating around 49% of rated capacity.

**Website Report – BCS Management**

BCS Management reports that new users are slightly up and deployment of the electronic payment system will be complete once all banking documents approved by Chase.

**Website Report – BCS Management**

BCS Management reports that two new connection inquiries have been received. Tempur Sealy's connection has yet to be air tested.

**Mace / Linnsburg Septic Elimination Project Update**

Amy Moore, VS Engineering, reports that Montgomery County's maximum eligible match from the USDA's Rural Development fund is 45%, which she believes is too low for the project to be feasible. Therefore, the RSD will need to layer OCRA or SRF funding. However, applying for OCRA or SRF requires a preliminary engineering report (PER), which is more comprehensive than the studies VS has completed for this project.

**II. New Business**

**Comfort Drive Lift Station Fence**

Ms. Moore has been in communication with Lochmueller to determine the specifications of the fence surrounding the Comfort Drive Lift Station. Brad Monts asked if there were any specifications given for the fence. Ms. Moore stated that no specs were written into the design plans, so it is up to the board to decide how the wooden fence should be treated. Mark Davidson said that a clear sealant would be sufficient. Tom Astbury reported that a lock was put on the fence gate earlier in October.

### **Metered User Policy**

The district's metered user policy allows residential customers to elect to install a meter and use self-reported meter readings to calculate their sewer bills. Besides the obvious conflict of interest presented by customers self-reporting meter readings, the meters themselves do not read accurately when flows are low. Since the only users who would want to pay a metered rate are those with low or sporadic flow, there is no value to allowing new metered residential customers. Brad Monts stated that having this policy exposes the district to a massive revenue loss if a large group of customers opts to switch to metered billing. He suggested that the two existing metered residential customers be grandfathered in and the option to switch to metered billing be struck from the district's rate ordinance. Mark Davidson agreed that closing the option to switch to metered billing was prudent. Greg Morrison asked what happens if the two grandfathered metered residential users have a meter malfunction. Stu Weliever said that the exception would expire if the meters go out or ownership of the property changes. Mr. Weliever said he will draft a revised sewer rate ordinance with the aforementioned changes to the residential metered user policy. Dan Guard concurred.

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

#### **Accounts Payable Claims = \$32,260.10**

*Greg Morrison motioned to approve claims for \$32,260.10 as presented. Mark Davidson seconded. Motion passed 4-0. (Mark Davidson arrived after the approval of the September minutes.)*

#### **Bank Balance: \$207,136.19**

### **IV. Adjournment**

*Having no other business to come before the Board, Dan Guard moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:34pm.*

Submitted by Davis Lamm – BCS Management

Approved this \_\_\_ day of November, 2022.

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Dan Guard, President