

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
4/12/2023 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, April 12th, 2023 at 4:00pm. The meeting occurred at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row - Suite E Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Board members present were: Dan Guard, Brad Monts, Joyce Grimble, 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; District Engineer Amy Moore and Jacob Beebe - VS Engineering; Lori Dossett; Niki Franklin, Peters Franklin Ltd; Joe Gregg (Nucor).

I. Call to Order – Dan Guard called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

I. Management & Administration:

Minutes Approval

Minutes for 3/8/2023 were provided by BCS Management for board approval.

Greg Morrison motioned to approve the minutes from 3/8/2023. Joyce Grimble seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Maintenance Report - Astbury Water Technology

Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies, reported that issues with the natural gas lines and effluent flow meter power supply were fixed in March.

AWT needs to replace the UV intensity sensor on the disinfection module.

Greg Morrison motioned to approve AWT to spend \$2,596.50 for replacement of the UV intensity sensor. Brad Monts seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Nucor Road WWTP had a significant cBOD effluent violation, likely caused by ethylene glycol discharged from an industrial user. Investigations into the source of the ethylene glycol are ongoing.

Website Report

The online bill pay system is now active and integrated into the website.

New Connections

Tempur Sealy has not paid its sewer bill or charges for connection inspection. The RDC has requested that the district wait until the RDC contacts Tao Zhu before taking any action to recover funds from Tempur.

There are three pending connections in Chigger Hollow.

Mace and Linnsburg Project Updates

Amy Moore, VS Engineering, reported that the PER has been submitted to SRF for grant and loan funding. VS will continue to work on an application to the USDA for RD funds. USDA requires a separate Environmental Report (ER) which includes correspondence with multiple agencies. VS is awaiting agency responses to complete the ER. Ms. Moore's contact at the USDA stated that the district will likely qualify for a 45% grant from USDA RD.. The SRF

Application requested approximately 30% forgivable loan through the Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) program, then anticipates a \$2,000,000 bond-supported SRF loan if the project is included on the IFA's Project Priority Listing, expected to be released by July 2023.

II. New Business

Rates

VS, BCS, Peters Franklin, and AWT recommend the board review its current rates and its ability to cover maintenance and operational expenses.

Brad Monts motioned to solicit a proposal for a rate study from Peters Franklin LTD. Dan Guard seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Old Business

Protection Structures for Lift Stations

Jacob Beebe, VS Engineering, reported that INDOT 3R standard protective structures for both lift stations are estimated to cost \$31,700.00. Protective structures for only lift station #1A that meet INDOT 3R standards are estimated to cost \$16,700.00. Minimum allowable protection for both lift stations are estimated to cost \$25,100.00

Brad Monts motioned to secure funding for protective structures to INDOT 3R standards at LS 1A. Dan Guard seconded.

Discussion:

Dan Guard asked district attorney Stu Weliever if any other risk-mitigation steps should be taken until the protective structures are complete. Mr. Weliever stated that no additional measures are needed. Ms. Moore added that contractor selection for a project of this cost is at the board's discretion and multiple quotes/bids are not required. VS Engineering will identify a contractor and request a proposal for the work.

Motion passed 4-0.

District Tax-Exempt Status

Montgomery County Auditor Jennifer Andel reported to BCS Management that the district's tax exemption filing is in the hands of the Assessor's office. The Property Tax Board of Appeals will decide whether or not to approve it at their May meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Accounts Payable Claims = \$54,473.79

Brad Monts motioned to approve claims of \$54,473.79 as presented. Greg Morrison seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bank Balance: \$118,621.42

V. Adjournment

*Having no other business to come before the Board, Brad Monts moved to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.*

Submitted by Davis Lamm – BCS Management

Approved this ____ day of May, 2023.

Dan Guard, President