

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
5/23/2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
Montgomery County Government Center
1580 Constitution Row - Suite E
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The Montgomery County Regional Water & Sewer District met on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 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, Brad Monts, and Greg Morrison.

Also present: District Attorney Stu Weliever- Henthorn Harris Weliever & Petrie P.C; Lana Beregszazi and Davis Lamm - BCS Management; Amy Cating, In the Black Bookkeeping; and Lori Dossett.

I. Call to Order – Dan Guard called the meeting to order at 3:06pm.

I. Approval of cost control measures and rate Increase

BCS Management provided a brief overview of its memo sent to the board May 19, 2023. A summary of the memo:

The Montgomery County RSD has not increased its rates since they were set in 2011. Between 2021 and 2022, the district's expenses increased 20.4%, mainly due to operating, repair, maintenance, and utility expenses. These factors continue to cause an increase in expenses in 2023. On top of market and operating-driven expense increases, Mace and Linnsburg project costs are causing a severe drawdown of the district's cash. Currently, the district's bank balance is \$36,171.79 and accounts receivable are \$20,860.73. If no action is taken, the district will be insolvent within 60 days.

District attorney Stu Weliever advised the board that a rate study would be helpful, but not required. Dan Guard stated that the district's financial situation justifies a rate increase. The district is obligated by state law to operate in the black. At this time, the district does not have the funds or the time for a rate study. Mr. Guard suggested a rate study be conducted in six months to calculate future small regular increases. The current rate increase is an emergency measure to compensate for more than a decade of not changing rates. Future rate increases will be more frequent and likely under 5%.

BCS Management provided the board with an emergency 90-day budget to control costs and remain solvent.

*Dan Guard motioned to approve and implement the 90-day emergency budget.
Brad Monts seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

*Brad Monts motioned to increase all residential and commercial sewer rates by 50%. Dan Guard seconded.
Motion passed 3-0.*

Lana Beregszazi suggested implementing a net 30 payment policy for all vendors. Currently, the district has paid pump and haul claims but has not been paid by the district's customers. Mr. Guard concurred.

Mr. Guard stated that Zoom will no longer be used for board meetings.

II. Adjournment

Having no other business to come before the Board, Greg Morrison moved to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 4:02pm.

Submitted by Davis Lamm – BCS Management

Approved this ____ day of June, 2023.

Dan Guard, President