

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

7/12/2023 Board Meeting Minutes Montgomery County Government Center 1580 Constitution Row - Suite E Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The Montgomery County Regional Sewer District met on Wednesday, July 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, Jake Bohlander, and Greg Morrison.

Also present: Tom Astbury- Astbury Water Technologies; Lana Beregszazi - BCS Management; Lori Dossett; Greg Martz, GM Development; Dan Taylor – Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, P.C.; Amy Moore – VS Engineering.

I. Call to Order – Dan Guard called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

I. Management & Administration:

New Legal Counsel

Dan Guard motioned to hire Dan Taylor (Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, P.C.) as the district's attorney. Jake Bohlander seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Minutes Approval

Minutes for 6/14/2023 were provided by BCS Management for board approval.

Brad Monts motioned to approve the minutes from 6/14/2023. Greg Morrison seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Maintenance Report - Astbury Water Technology

Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies, reported that the plant continues to operate in compliance and averaged 41% utilization. 40,000 gallons of sludge were removed by Karle Environmental.

Additional parts and labor will be needed to fix pump #2 in North Lift Station 1A.

Brad Monts motioned to approve \$6,080.97 for lift station pump repairs. Greg Morrison seconded. Dan Guard asked Mr. Astbury to inform board when repairs are complete. Motion passed 4-0.

On July 2, a control panel fault at the effluent lift station caused pump #2 to fail. This resulted in water overflowing from the UV unit into the basement of the plant. Since the basement drains discharge into the influent lift station, this caused the SBR levels to rise, triggering a "storm mode" alarm. AWT staff got the effluent lift station back into operation and repaired damage caused by the overflow. The plant is operating normally and using a rented pump in the effluent lift station. AWT will report to the board when repair recommendations are received from Xylem.

Website Report

BCS did not create a written website report this month. Lana Beregszazi reported that regular functional and security checks were done, no issues to report. Information about the rate increase was uploaded and linked on the homepage for easy access.

Mace and Linnsburg Project Updates

Amy Moore, VS Engineering, reported that SRF did not rank the Mace and Linnsburg project for funding. The USDA requires an archeological study to consider this project. The cost of such a study is estimated to be \$37,800.00. Given the district's financial situation, this project is on hold indefinitely.

WWTP Expansion Project Update

Lana Beregszazi, BCS Management presented an updated cost estimate and project plan for the WWTP expansion project. The total expected cost to expand the plant’s capacity from 100,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 300,000 gpd is \$8,776,101.41. The cost to expand from 100,000 gpd to 600,000 gpd is \$9,476,101.41.

Plans and engineering design were completed in 2022 by GAI. Under the proposed project plan presented by BCS Management, Bowen Engineering would serve as the construction contractor with engineering oversight by American Structurepoint. GM Development and BCS would provide financing, owner’s representation, and project management. BCS and GM are currently exploring financing options outside of bonding and P3.

II. New Business

Operating Loan

District attorney Dan Taylor recommended that the RSD request an emergency operating loan from the RDC to float some operational and maintenance repair expenses before the rate increase takes effect.

Dan Guard motioned for the board to approve the submittal of a request for a \$50,000.00 interest-free operating loan from the Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission. Jake Bohlander second. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Old Business

Rates

Mr. Taylor recommended that the district hold a public hearing to discuss the rate increase. The board directed BCS to publish notices in two local newspapers for the public hearing. Legal notices are to be run on July 26th and August 2nd. The public hearing will take place in the Community Meeting Room at 4pm on August 9th 2023.

IV. Treasurer’s Report

BCS Management has reviewed all claims to ensure the district stays within the emergency budget approved by the board at the May 23 special board meeting. Total claims less pump and haul were \$39,112.43. BCS and In The Black are tracking the claims that are not paid under the emergency budget. BCS recommended approving all claims in total, except for BCS, In The Black, and VS who were paid reduced claims.

Bank balance as of July 12: \$70,117.50

Accounts Payable Claims = \$28,785.23

Greg Morrison motioned to approve adjusted claims of \$28,785.23 as presented. Dan Guard seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

V. Adjournment

*Having no other business to come before the Board, Dan Guard moved to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.*

Submitted by Davis Lamm – BCS Management

Approved this 9 day of August, 2023.


Dan Guard, President