

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REGIONAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

10/11/2023 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, October 11th, 2023 at 4:00pm. The meeting occurred at the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row – Community Meeting Room, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Board members present were Dan Guard, Brad Monts, and Joyce Grimble.

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

I. Call to Order – Dan Guard called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

II. Management & Administration:

Minutes Approval

Minutes for 9/13/2023 were provided by BCS Management for board approval.

Brad Monts moved to approve the minutes from 9/13/2023. Dan Guard seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Maintenance Report - Astbury Water Technology

Tom Astbury, Astbury Water Technologies, provided a written maintenance and operations report to the board. He reported that a power quality monitoring program from Duke Energy would be helpful in diagnosing the root cause of the recent VFD drive failures.

Brad Monts moved to approve the purchase of a new VFD for the influent lift station for the amount of \$2,000.00. Joyce Grimble seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Regarding the check valve issue at 165 N 400 E, the check valve seemed to wear in a normal manner and is the district's responsibility.

Digester pump maintenance is still needed, but can continue to be deferred for now.

Administrative Report

Lana Beregszazi, BCS Management, reported on administrative items under a new regular report to the board titled Administration report. Copies of this report were emailed to the board prior to the meeting.

- Unused land and cellular line accounts from AT&T have been cancelled.
- BCS and Dan Taylor are working on updating the language in the grinder pump agreements
- BCS recommends VS be responsible for commercial connection inspection, but a residential connection inspector is needed.
 - There is an interlocal between the RSD and county, so the county could designate a new inspector for the RSD
 - The district could also solicit bids to have a local contractor do inspections

- GAI Consultants submitted an invoice for \$1,965.25 for final work completed under the WWTP expansion design project. Dan Guard asked if the design plans had been stamped, Lana confirmed that they had and that this invoice was part of the previously agreed upon fee for the design.

Brad Monts moved to recommend to the RDC that the balance owed to GAI be paid. Joyce Grimble seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lana Beregszazi will pass the invoice along to the RDC for consideration of payment.

- The RDC approved a claim to send the previously approved \$50,000.00 loan to the RSD.
 - Dan Taylor will provide a written agreement.
 - Amy Moore stated that lift station protection structures will be requested when the funds are available.
- New connections
 - Landstar has submitted an EDU survey and connection application
 - Home at 2297 S. Nucor will connect once construction is completed

III. Project updates

Rate Increase

Rate increase has taken effect and will be billed in December since the district bills on a two-month delay.

Nucor Facility Expansion and WWTP Expansion

No update this meeting. BCS is working with Lochmueller, who is coordinating all utility work for the Nucor sites on behalf of the county.

Dan Taylor reported that Nucor believes it will only discharge domestic wastewater from its new facilities.

IV. New Business

Fee Increases

Dan Taylor reported that any increase in the district's fees need to follow the same process as increasing rates. Any changes to charges will be determined by the rate study.

V. Old Business

Rate Study – Peters Franklin has not started the rate study yet, but it is in their work queue. BCS to notify them that the work should start as soon as possible.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Regular claims: \$31,944.72

Brad Monts moved to approve regular claims of \$31,944.72. Joyce Grimble seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Emergency budget remaining claims: \$9,311.94

Brad Monts clarified that these claims are the deferred claims from the emergency budget period. Dan Guard stated that these claims will be paid as soon as funds are received from the RDC.

Brad Monts moved to approve claims of \$9,311.94, to be paid upon receipt of the \$50,000.00 loan from the RDC. Joyce Grimble seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Regular sewer billing receipts: \$20,952.54

Operating Bank balance: \$77,159.91

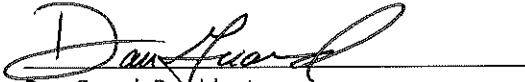
GPS Maintenance Fund Balance: \$12,933.54

VII. Adjournment

*Having no other business to come before the Board, Joyce Grimble moved to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.*

Submitted by Davis Lamm – BCS Management

Approved this 8 day of November, 2023.


Dan Guard, President