

ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING*May 23, 2018

Citizen’s Square, 200 East Berry Street, Room 035, Garden Level @ 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brugger, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

ATTENDANCE

Ric Zehr (Absent). Board Members present were: Vice-President: Justin Brugger, Treasurer: Win Rood, Secretary: MJ Klinker, Matthew Wirtz, Kevin McDermit, Jim Orr and Ex-Officio: Gary Chapple. Executive Director: Jeff Morris, District Office Administrator: Erika Beachem, District Field Service Manager: Scott Lee, District Engineer: Ben Adams of Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., Vince Heiny of Carson LLP. There were 05 visitors: Nathan Baggett and DeWayne Nodine of FWCU, Don Niemeyer of 10201 Wayne Trace, Steve Miller of 4814 Webster Rd, and Ted Nitza- Allen County Property Owner and past District Board Member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rood made a motion to approve the April 25th, 2018 Board Minutes as distributed and reviewed. Mr. Brugger was absent at this meeting and abstained. Mr. McDermit seconded the motion. *All ayes cast and one abstained.*

Mr. Rood made a motion to approve the May 1st, 2018 Hoagland Community Public Meeting as distributed and reviewed. Mr. Wirtz seconded the motion. *All ayes cast.*

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Rood reviewed the April and May 2018 bills to be paid and bank balances summary. Mr. McDermit seconded the motion. *All ayes cast.*

Mr. Rood reviewed the corrections to the March 28th AP Voucher: Voucher Number 4104 (\$4,333.84), 4105 (\$313.50) and 4106 (\$13.30) were added changing the AP Voucher total to: \$898,723.54. Mr. Klinker seconded. *All ayes cast.*

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TABS

Mr. Adams reviewed and recommended the Board approve the following invoices from Commonwealth, Service Electric, Fleming Excavating and Rothenberger Company, Inc. Claims totaling \$185,330.80.

- Invoice #41306 – Commonwealth, Start-Up Assistance/Project Closeout, 2015 Septic Relief Projects \$ 2,316.39
 - Invoice #S15041-5609 – Commonwealth, Carroll-Hand Construction Administration (FTW Oversizing) \$ 23,730.49
 - Invoice #S15041-6009 – Commonwealth, Glen Elm Construction Administration (FTW Oversizing) \$ 4,872.95
 - Payment Tab #03 – Service Electric, ACRWSD Lift Station Emergency Power Receptacles \$ 4,262.35
 - Payment Tab #08 – Fleming Excavating, Inc., Carroll Road – Hand Road (FTW Oversizing Component Correction) \$ 81,376.87
 - Payment Tab #09 – Fleming Excavating, Inc., Carroll Road – Hand Road (Release of Retainage) \$ 10,000.00
 - Payment Tab #09 – Rothenberger Company, Inc., Sonata Dr – Popp Rd – Woodstone Pl – Prophet’s Pass \$ 58,771.75
- Total: \$185,330.80

Mr. Rood made a motion to approve the Claims to be paid. Mr. Klinker seconded the motion. *All ayes cast.*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Reported by Mr. Morris - No Board Recommendations

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Reported by Mr. Baggett - No Board Recommendations

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finance Committee: Reported by Mr. Brugger - No Board Recommendations

Personnel Committee: Reported by Mr. Brugger - No Board Recommendations

New Development Committee: Reported by Mr. Klinker - No Board Recommendations

Infrastructure Management Committee: Reported by Mr. Wirtz - No Board Recommendations

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 12:19 Mr. Brugger opened the floor for public comments

- Mr. Miller of 4814 Webster Rd asked why there was a pump truck in Platter Parkway approximately 2 weeks ago. Mr. Baggett said it was FWCU's annual preventative maintenance inspection.
- Mr. Niemeyer of 10201 Wayne Trace distributed and reviewed a report titled "Potential Future Revenue Loss to ACRWSD from conveyance of ACRWSD territory to Leo Cedarville Sewer District". Mr. Niemeyer distributed and reviewed a report titled "Allen County Regional Water & Sewer District Schedule of Project Costs and Funding". Mr. Niemeyer asked for the Board to consider not giving territory to Leo Cedarville Sewer District. Mr. Klinker explained that the District's by-laws state that if another utility accepts the flow and the property owner agrees, the District is obligated to give away the territory if it is petitioned in the proper manner.
- Mr. Nitza, Allen County property owner and previous District Board Member, offered comments related to Mr. Niemeyer's comments. Mr. Nitza stressed that if the Allen District were to want to provide service to the project north of Leo-Cedarville that the District would need to find a separate connection point/treatment provider or negotiate same with the Leo Cedarville Sewer District. If so, the Allen District's relationship would be a "pass-through to a pass-through" (meaning Allen District would send sewage for treatment to Leo Cedarville - who would then send to the City of Fort Wayne for treatment). Mr. Nitza noted that such an arrangement is already happening with New Haven with the Georgian Park Service Area. Mr. Nitza recalled from his time on the BOT and Finance Committee that the net proceeds are significantly lower for Georgian Park because transportation/pass through costs are higher than other areas. Because rates are consolidating across the District, this Georgian Park (and this particular Leo area as Mr. Niemeyer proposes) will continue to be less beneficial to the District. Mr. Nitza also recalled that the Allen District is usually more concerned with what service provisions are best for the entire Community of Allen County, rather than financial gain as hinted by Mr. Niemeyer. Mr. Nitza concluded by recommending that the BOT reject Mr. Niemeyer's suggestion.

PROJECT UPDATES: Reported by Mr. Adams

- 2015-2016 (2017 CONSTRUCTION)
- 2016-2017 (2018 CONSTRUCTION)

OLD BUSINESS: Reported by: Mr. Klinker – The Fuhrmann Appeal Review Report

- A committee was formed to review Mr. and Mrs. Fuhrmann's appeal for the water damage in their basement at 9436 Hoagland Rd. The committee came to the unanimous conclusion to uphold the Executive Director's decision to deny the Fuhrmann's claim.

Mr. Klinker made a motion to uphold the Executive Director's decision and deny the Fuhrmann's appeal. Mr. Wirtz seconded. All ayes cast.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Klinker seconded the motion. All ayes cast. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Beachem, District Office Administrator


MJ Klinker, Secretary

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