

Harrison County Regional Sewer District

April 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 15, 2022
8:30 am
Harrison County Community Foundation building
Corydon, IN 47112

In Attendance:

Tom Tucker	Board Member (President)
Gary Davis	Board Member (VP/Treasurer)
Charlie Crawford	Board Member
Scott Flickner	Board Member (Town of Corydon)*
Bill Byrd	Board Member (Town of Milltown)
Tony Combs	Board Member (Secretary)
Dan Lee, P.E.	Board Member
Terry Schmelz	Board Member (Town of Lanesville)
Chris Byrd	Board Attorney
Steve Tolliver	Aqua Utility Services (System Operator)
Bob Woosley, P.E.	Heritage Engineering

Absent:

Darin Duncan, P.E.	Board Member
Eric Brady	Aqua Utility Services (System Operator)

Guests:

Matt Gibson
Grant Gibson

**Town voting member. (2022 vote will belong to the Town of Corydon)
(Order of voting: 2022-Corydon, 2023 – Milltown. 2024 - Lanesville)*

Action Items:

- 1. March 18, 2022 HCRSD Board Meeting Minutes:** *Motion made by Scott Flickner, second by Charlie Crawford, to approve the meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.*
- 2. Berkshire WWTP Effluent FM Replacement Project:**
 - a. Construction Update:** Bob Woosley provided an update to the Board on the status of construction. Construction is now substantially complete. Site restoration still needs to be completed. Steve Tolliver asked that the gravel area inside the WWTP fenced area be restored as part of the restoration efforts. The contractor apparently disturbed this area during installation of the FM. Bob will make them aware of this item and ensure they get this addressed. It is anticipated this project will be 100% complete within the next few weeks. The new FM and flow meter will be brought on line in the coming days. Bob will also confirm the new flow meter installed has been calibrated.

- b. **Change Order No. 1:** Rock removal was needed to install a portion of the force main. This was an unforeseen condition. The contractor has submitted a change order in the amount of \$1,712.03 to cover the cost of this rock removal. No additional change orders are anticipated on this project. *A motion was made by Tony Combs, second by Dan Lee to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,712.03. Motion passed unanimously.*
- c. **Pay Application No. 3:** Bob Woosley introduced Cornell Harbison Excavating's Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$101,288.09. *A motion was made by Charlie Crawford, second by Tony Combs to approve the payment of Pay Application No. 3. Motion passed unanimously.*

3. Berkshire WWTP:

- a. **Operations Report (March):**
 - 1) **Report:** Steve Tolliver presented the March operations report. The WWTP continues to be plagued by infiltration from the mobile home parks private collection system. In addition, something was discharged into the system that caused a total kill of the biological life at the WWTP. Steve stated his staff witnessed a staff member of the mobile home park dumping some type of chemical directly into the private lift station owned by the mobile home park. The gentleman dumping the substance into the lift station told Steve he would not share with him what type of chemical was being used nor would he produce the required MSDS sheets that would allow us to determine the nature of the material and impact it would have on our WWTP. The gentleman stated he was instructed by his superiors not to provide us with any information since we were in a potential lawsuit. Steve stressed to this gentleman the importance and potential criminal activities associated with illegally dumping harmful chemicals into the waste stream. The gentleman still refused to divulge what was being dumped into the system. Tom asked if Steve had any pictures of the man dumping the chemicals into the system. Steve said he did not have pictures but his staff witnessed the activity. Steve also mentioned a septic hauler witnessed it occurring. The septic hauler mentioned to Steve a degreaser of some type is what was being dumped into the lift station. He could not provide Steve with the type of degreaser being used as that was all he knew. Steve also stated he has text messages from the maintenance gentleman saying he would not provide any information as to what he was dumping in the system. Steve will get affidavits from his staff and the septic hauler. Steve reported he spent over \$3,000 getting the plant back in working order as a result of the total kill that occurred. Steve also reported that due to the kill occurring the plant will be unable to meet permit for the first time. Steve also reported his staff continues to receive a significant amount of rags and debris into the WWTP that is causing issues with the influent screen and their ability to properly treat flow. He stated these materials were coming from the mobile home park. Tom asked if he had any pictures of these materials. Steve stated yes has some pictures that he will share with the Board. Tom stressed again the need to document all such matters with pictures. Steve stated he would ramp up efforts to take pictures more

frequently to historically document all items. Steve is also going to look at having an additional camera(s) installed to provide more surveillance of the area to help possibly identify when illegal dumping activities are occurring. *A motion was made by Dan Lee, second by Tony Combs, to accept the March operations report. Motion approved unanimously.*

4. Treasurers Report:

- a. **Treasurers Report:** Gary Davis presented the Treasurer's Report. *Motion was made by Dan Lee, second by Scott Flickner, to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion approved unanimously.*
- b. *Motion made by Gary Davis, second by Charlie Crawford, to pay the following claims. Motion approved unanimously.*

District Checking Account:

i. Harrison REMC-WWTP electric service	\$1,439.69
ii. Duke Energy – lift station electric service	\$34.35
iii. Town of Corydon – March sewer bills	\$7,029.22
iv. Lanesville Utilities – March sewer bills	\$772.58
v. Aqua Utility Services – WWTP Op., LS Maint., Misc. Maint.	\$9,586.93
vi. Georgetown Municipal Utilities – sludge processing	\$705.00
vii. IN Underground Plant Protection – 1 st Quarter fees	\$79.80
viii. Heritage Eng. – Retainer/web site/NS Support/WWTP	\$3,300.06
ix. Infinity Homes – sewer deposit refunds	\$150.00
x. Cornell Harbison Excavating – Pay Request #3	\$101,288.09

- 5. **New Salisbury Sewers (Robertson Insurance):** Robertson Insurance, located at 1610 Highway 64, is in a dispute with his neighbor (Smokeys Smoke Shop) regarding the location of their property service connection lateral. Smokeys is connected to the District's sewer system, Robertson has not yet connected to the system. Robertson claims the sewer lateral for Smokeys is located on their property. Bob Woosley provided information to the Board showing the location of the property service connections (psc) that were installed during construction of the sewer main. The District installed psc's for the property owners to connect into in the future when they were ready to connect to the sewer system. Smokeys chose not to utilize the psc that was installed by the District. Instead, Smokeys took it upon themselves (without notifying the District) to install their own psc and lateral at a different location. The Board discussed this matter and have determined they will not get involved in a private property owner dispute. Robertson will need to work this out with their neighbor to allow the service to remain, or if they decide to force removal of the lateral from their property Smokeys will need to relocate their lateral connect to our sewer system in a different location that is on their own property. It was noted that based on the property data shown on our plans it does appear that Smokeys may have encroached onto Robertson's property). However, the location of Smokeys lateral has not been surveyed by the District nor have the property lines in this location been staked and identified in the field. The District makes no claims nor confirms the lateral is located on Robertson's parcel. Robertson will need to perform the necessary work to confirm if the lateral is indeed located on his property.

6. **Legal Representation:** The District has been served notice of a suit filed by Indiana MHC, LP against the District. The District has notified our insurance carrier to make them aware. The insurance carrier has not yet confirmed if they will be covering the District in this matter as it relates to this suit. In an effort to have legal representation immediately the District has requested a letter of engagement with the law firm of Church Langdon Lopp Banet (CLLB) (located in New Albany, IN). *A motion was made by Tony Combs, second by Charlie Crawford, to retain the services of CLLB Law. Motion approved unanimously.*

7. **Matt Gibson (Herd Pack):** Matt Gibson and Grant Gibson were present to request connection of their business to the District's sewer system. During their presentation it was discovered they were on the Town of Corydon's sewer system and not the District's system. The Board informed them they would need to go before the Town of Corydon to make their request.

Next Meeting:

Regular Board Meeting: **May 20, 2022 at 8:30 am** at the Harrison County Community Foundation.

Minutes prepared by: Heritage Engineering.

End of Minutes

Approved by:

Tom Tucker, President

Charlie Crawford

Gary Davis, V.P./Treasurer

Dan Lee, P.E.

Tony Combs, Secretary

Darin Duncan, P.E.

Town Representative