

Harrison County Regional Sewer District

February 16, 2011 Ordinance No. HCRSD-2011-01 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 16, 2011
8:30 am
Harrison County Community Foundation
Corydon, IN 47112

In Attendance:

Tom Tucker	Board Member (President)
Bill Byrd	Board Member (Town of Milltown)*
Darin Duncan	Board Member (Secretary)
Gary Davis	Board Member (VP/Treasurer)
J.R. Eckart	Board Member
Rusty Sizemore	Board Member (Town of Lanesville) – <i>arrived at 9:15 am</i>
Chris Byrd	Board Attorney
Bob Woosley	Heritage Engineering (District's Engineer)
Steve Tolliver	Aqua Utility Services (Berkshire WWTP Operator)

Absent:

Dan Lee	Board Member
Tony Combs	Board Member
Fred Cammack	Board Member (Town of Corydon)
Rob Huckaby	Stantec

Guest:

Perry McCall	Attorney representing R64, SSK
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* *Town Voting Member*

Action Items:

- 1. January 26, 2011 HCRSD Board Meeting Minutes.** *Motion made by Bill Byrd, seconded by Darin Duncan to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 2. Ordinance No. HCRSD-2011-01.** Chris Byrd presented the second regarding of this ordinance. This ordinance establishes sewer rates for the current users of the District's Berkshire WWTP. Copies of the proposed ordinance were distributed to all in attendance. The District explained that due to increased operating costs a rate increase is necessary to cover expenses. Public comments taken:
 - i.** Mr. Perry McCall stated he represented the owners of the mobile home park the current agreement in place between the District and SSK is valid and a rate ordinance that would increase rates at this time is not warranted. Mr. McCall stated that his clients are willing to sit down with the District to discuss other ways to possibly mitigate the increased costs.

- ii. Ms. Darlene Jackson (resident of the mobile home park) contacted Bob Woosley prior to the meeting to voice her opposition to the proposed ordinance. She stated she was opposed to any rate increase. She stated that they currently pay approximately \$35 per month in sewage fees and did not feel an increase was needed.
- iii. Public comments were closed as no additional residents or property owners were present.

Darin Duncan stated he was pleased to hear that the owners of the mobile home park are open to meeting. The District had tried for many weeks to schedule such a meeting but the owners of the park were totally non-responsive and refused to meet. Mr. Duncan stated that the bulk of the increase in operating expense is due to the cost of sludge treatment. The District is treating twice the volume of sludge as was anticipated when they took over the system. He suggested that one possible item to consider would be for SSK to pay the sludge processing as a separate invoice or something similar. Mr. Duncan would also like to see something agreed upon regarding late payment penalties. SSK is historically late on payment each month. Mr. McCall agreed that a late payment fee is typical and should be a part of the discussion.

Darin Duncan made a motion to table the ordinance until the April 20, 2011 meeting. This will allow the District time to determine if the EDA Grant application is successful. This will also allow sufficient time to meet with Mr. McCall and his clients to work on other options and possible solutions. Motion seconded by JR Eckart. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCall stated he would advise his clients of the upcoming meeting between the District and his clients. This meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks as schedules allow.

Motion made by JR Eckart to adjourn the public hearing. Motion seconded by Gary Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Heritage Engineering

End of Minutes

Approved By:

Tom Tucker, President

Tony Combs

Darin Duncan, Secretary

Daniel Lee

Gary Davis, V.P./Treasurer

JR Eckart

Towns - Milltown (Bill Byrd)