

Harrison County Regional Sewer District

January 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 16, 2026

8:30 am

Harrison County Community Foundation building
Corydon, IN 47112

In Attendance:

Tom Tucker	Board Member (President)
Gary Davis	Board Member (VP/Treasurer)
Thomas Tidstrom	Board Member (Town of Lanesville)
J.R. Eckart	Board Member
Bruce Kennedy	Board Member
Bill Byrd	Board Member (Town of Milltown)*
Harlan Fisher	Board Member (Town of Corydon)
Dan Schroeder	Board Member
Eric Plaiss, P.E.	Board Member
Steve Tolliver Jr.	Aqua Utility Services
Chris Byrd	Board Attorney
Matt Robinson, P.E.	Heritage Engineering

Absent:

Bob Woosley, P.E. Heritage Engineering

Guest:

Garth Stecker First Capitol Meats

**Town voting member. (2026 vote belongs to the Town Milltown)
(Order of voting: 2026 – Milltown, 2027 – Lanesville, 2028 - Corydon)*

Action Items:

- 1. Board Appointments:** the following appointments were noted:
 - a.** Commissioner Appointments – Eric Plaiss, P.E. has been appointed to take the place of Darin Duncan. Welcome to Eric and thank you to Darin for his years of service to the Board.
 - b.** Towns – all members have been reappointed.
- 2. Election of Officers:** A motion was made by Bruce Kennedy and seconded by Bill Byrd to retain Tom Tucker as president (motion approved unanimously). A motion was made by J. R. Eckart and seconded by Bruce Kennedy to retain Gray Davis as VP/Treasurer (motion approved unanimously). After discussion a motion was made by J. R. Eckart and seconded by Dan Schroeder to appoint Bruce Kennedy as Secretary (motion approved unanimously).
- 3. December 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes:** *A motion was made by JR Eckart, second by Bill Byrd, to approve the meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.*
- 4. First Capitol Meats Facility:** Garth Steckler with First Capitol Meats addressed the Board about the relocation of his business to the Corydon Industrial Park on Quarry Road. His current facility is located at 420 Higdon St. in Corydon. He currently discharges his flow to the Town. He said they are trying to acquire the old Mark Warner Building and use it for a

meat processing facility. He said they currently process about 30-32 beef and 20-22 hogs and the new building will allow them to process 2 ½ time this number of animals. He mentioned that the blood and internal organs are collected and sent to a rendering company (not discharged into the wastewater stream). Their wastewater will be mostly wash down water and they will install a grease trap. He anticipates a daily water use of 2000 – 3000 gal/day (they will be on Ramsey water). He plans to install a force main and lift station and connect to the Corydon collection system via a nearby MH.

Garth said he had approached Corydon about connecting to their system and they had no problem with this but said he would have to talk to the HCRSD because his new building is in HCRSD service area.

After discussion it was decided to table the issue until more information about the proposed improvements were received. Garth said he would get with his engineer to see what additional information he could provide to HCRSD.

5. Letter Received from Ziemer Stayman Weitzel Shoulders: Chris Byrd explained the letter that was received from the Berkshire MHP attorneys concerning the HCRSDs possible participation in a lawsuit against Ramsey Water Company. The lawsuit concerns the contention that Ramsey is required to replace the water lines in the MHP to provide fire protection. It was mentioned that the only fire we would have at the WWTP would be an electrical fire and water isn't used to fight these types of fires. Chris said that Ramsey filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit and they were successful. At this point there is nothing for the Board to do and Chris suggested keeping the letter in the file but not responding. Chris also said he had received an email about a legislative bill to limit the power of Regional Sewer Districts. The email sender wanted help with lobbying efforts against the bill. Chris suggested we not get involved with the lobbying efforts.

6. Berkshire WWTP Expansion Project: Matt Robinson provided the following updates:

a. Construction: Construction is on-going. Matt mentioned that the contractor has decided to install a new UV tank for the new UV system instead of renovating the existing tank. There is a construction progress meeting scheduled for 11 am today.

b. Pay Application No. 9: \$154,477.60

A motion was made by Bruce Kennedy, second by Dan Schroeder, to approve Pay Application 9. Motion approved unanimously. This pay application will be sent to Rural Development for reimbursement.

c. Pay Application Summary:

• Pay App No. 1	\$ 35,767.50
• Pay App No. 2	\$ 42,512.50
• Pay App No. 3	\$ 115,755.69
• Pay App No. 4	\$ 153,089.75
• Pay App No. 5	\$ 469,163.05
• Pay App No. 6	\$ 194,797.49
• Pay App No. 7	\$ 593,601.80
• Pay App No. 8	\$ 150,684.97
• Pay App No. 9	<u>\$ 154,477.60</u>
	\$1,909,850.35

d. Summary of Funding Sources:

• READI Grant	\$1,200,000
• USDA Loan	\$1,050,000
• USDA Grant	\$ 562,000
• County Loan/Grant	\$ 800,000
• District Funds	<u>\$ 76,698</u>
	\$3,688,698

e. Project Budget:

• Construction Bid	\$3,236,855
• Contingency (5%)	\$ 161,843
• Soft Costs	<u>\$ 290,000</u>
	\$3,688,698

7. Operators Updates:

a. Operations Report: Steve Tolliver presented the December operations report. He reported the plant met all permit limit requirements during the month. He mentioned that the plant was operating at one-half capacity. *A motion was made by Bill Byrd, second by Bruce Kennedy, to approve the December Operations Report. Motion approved unanimously.*

b. Flow Meter Calibration: Steve stated that they need to do their annual calibration on flow meters and he will get pricing from Gripp, Inc. and another company and go with the lowest price.

8. Data Storage (options for storage/backup of District Data): Because of the length of today's agenda, it was decided to table this item and discuss it at the meeting next month.

9. Willow Grove Development (Steve Thieneman): This is a proposed mixed-use development in New Salisbury with 132 single family lots and 3 commercial lots. Plans were reviewed and returned on 11/20/25. Awaiting revise plans.

10. 7500 Sieverking Drive NE: The property owner has requested service for this address. There is no gravity sewer line available next to this property. The only sewer available is a force main that runs along Corydon Junction Road. The District's policy is to not allow direct connections to force mains unless special circumstances exist and/or a request is made by the health department. The District instructed Bob Woosley to review the area to determine the overall master plan for providing gravity sewer service to this area. This analysis has not yet been completed. Bruce Kennedy said that he mentioned on Facebook that the District was looking into the possibility of providing sewer service to the area but he received no interest from anyone in the area.

11. Delinquent Accounts:

a. Liens:

- **Cook:** Chris mentioned that a lien has been filed against this customer.
- **Knable:** Chris said that a lien has now been filed against this customer.
- **Others:** Chris said there are other delinquent accounts on Steve Tolliver's email. Chris will send demand letters requesting payment within 10 days. If no payment is received Chirs will inform the Board and prepare lien notices.

12. Treasurers Report:

- a. **Treasurer's Report:** Gary Davis presented the Treasurer's Report. *Motion made by Bruce Kennedy, second by Danny Schroeder, to approve the Treasures report. Motion approved unanimously.*
- b. **Claims:** *Motion made by Gary Davis, second by JR Eckart, to pay the following claims. Motion approved unanimously.*

District Checking Account:

• Town of Corydon – December sewer bills	\$8,408.28
• Lanesville Utilities – December sewer bills	\$2,235.57
• Aqua Utility Services – WWTP Op., LS Maint., Misc. Maint.	\$6,057.40
• CLLB – attend meeting/work on past dues	\$370.00
• Bennett & Bennett – renew USDA fidelity bond	\$338.00
• US Postal Service – annual PO Box 266 renewal	\$268.00
• SBoA audit fee- years 2023 & 2024	\$17,230.40
• IUPPS 4 th quarter ticket fees 52 @ 0.95	\$49.40
• OmniSite – annual fee for monitoring auto dialers	\$1,740.00
• Harrison REMC – electric service	\$1,978.35
• Duke Energy – electric service	\$156.18
• Heritage Eng. – Retainer/misc services/web site/WWTP	\$10,263.50
• Mitchell & Stark Pay Application No. 9	\$154,477.60
• Steve Thieneman Builders – refund meter deposit	\$150.00
• WJH, LLC – refund meter deposit	\$150.00
• Sandra Scanion – refund meter deposit	\$150.00
• Brenda Jozwik – refund meter deposit	\$150.00

Next Meeting:

Regular Board Meeting: **February 20, 2026 at 8:30 am** at the Harrison County Community Foundation.

Minutes prepared by: Heritage Engineering.

End of Minutes

Approved by:

Tom Tucker, President

J.R. Eckart

Gary Davis, V.P./Treasurer

Eric Plaiss, P.E.

Bruce Kennedy, Secretary

Dan Schroeder

Bill Byrd (Milltown), Town Representative