

Harrison County Regional Sewer District

June 30, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 30, 2010
11:00 am
Harrison County Community Foundation
Corydon, IN 47112

In Attendance:

Tom Tucker	Board Member (President)
Gary Davis	Board Member (VP/Treasurer)
Tony Combs	Board Member
J.R. Eckart	Board Member
Bill Byrd	Board Member (Town of Milltown)
Bob Woosley	Heritage Engineering (District's Engineer)
Rob Huckaby	Stantec
Karen Schaefer	Stantec
Steve Tolliver	Berkshire WWTP Operator

Absent:

Darin Duncan	Board Member (Secretary)
Dan Lee	Board Member
Rusty Sizemore	Board Member (Town of Lanesville)
Fred Cammack	Board Member (Town of Corydon)*
Chris Byrd	Board Attorney

Guests:

Kathleen Hagan	IDEM
Andrew Pelloso	IDEM
Chris Miller	Farm Bureau
Cassie Hauswauld	Nature Conservancy

* *Town Voting Member*

Action Items:

- 1. June 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes.** *Motion made by JR Eckart, seconded by Gary Davis to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 2. Lanesville Interchange Service Options:** Bob Woosley presented multiple options to the Board. The Board requested that the cost of any necessary expansion or improvements be included in the cost analysis for each option. Bob will follow up with Rusty Sizemore to determine what improvements are needed at the WWTP.
- 3. Corydon Rate Increase:** The Town of Corydon has sent notice to the District that they will be having rate hearings regarding the possible increase in their rates (by as much as 22.8%). This increase will impact the rates the District pays for service to the Medical

Campus. The District will follow the rate hearing and will discuss this item in more detail at future meetings.

4. **Section 319 Grant:** Andrew Peloso and Kathleen Hagan were in attendance to discuss the District's past applications made for Section 319 Grant funds for the implementation of stormwater improvements. The following is a summary of the items discussed by Mr. Peloso:
 - i. Mr. Peloso wanted to make sure that the District fully understood how the grant process works. He went thru a brief step by step procedure.
 - a. Two part process:
 1. Administrative Review – pass/fail review
 2. Technical Review
 - b. Application tells your story. All words are important. Expand upon the groups we are working with on this program.
 - ii. IDEM has received no increase in funding the past 3 years for this program.
 - iii. IDEM generally can only fund 50% of those making requests.
 - iv. Typical grants range from \$250,000 to \$750,000.
 - v. Mr. Peloso stated he felt our proposed project was very worthy and would like to see the application improved to better our chances for getting it funded.
 - vi. **How can the application be improved:**
 - a. Expand upon the groups we are working with. Letters of support are good but not as important as "Partners" (pg 7 of application). The more partners you have the better. Need to be very specific about the role of each partner.
 - b. Highlight the karst features of the project. Karst is a fully eligible feature and will be considered the same as a stream for non-point source grants.
 - c. 50% of the grant funds have to go on the ground. Demonstration Projects do not count towards 50% on the ground. (The District's past application failed this criteria and did not make it past the Administrative Review for that reason.)
 - d. Consider doing cost sharing on karst features. Review all cost sharing components.
 - e. Don't focus so heavily on the educational components. Review this section of the application:
 1. Does the District have sufficient resources dedicated?
 2. Be creative. Use Tourism Industry, Riverboat, websites, public meetings, community groups, etc. for assistance or places to educate or advertise your message.
 - f. Include more Implementation Projects.
 - g. Create Floyd County Partnerships.
 - h. Consider expanding plan and be a bit more ambitious.
 - i. Focus on more items that were included on the Action Plan register.
 - j. Focus on Agriculture and Karst features.
 - k. Lincoln Hills: utilize Ms. Chris Vance, Mr. Peloso was very high on her and felt she could be a huge asset to this project.
 - vii. **Can the District sit down with IDEM prior to making application for the grant to ensure that we have sufficient information on the application to make it past the Administrative Review?** Mr. Peloso said yes, his office will sit down with the District to ensure that it will pass the Administrative Review.

5. **New Salisbury Sewer Project:** Tom Tucker instructed Heritage to begin work on the final design of the project. The EDC Grant funds will be used to cover the majority of the cost.

Next Meeting:

1. Board Meeting: **Wed July 21, 2010 at 8:30 am** @ Harrison County Community Foundation Building.

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 - Corydon (Fred Cammack)