

Harrison County Regional Sewer District

March 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 4, 2009
11:30 am
Harrison County Community Foundation
Corydon, IN 47112

In Attendance:

Tom Tucker	Board Member (President)
Dan Lee	Board Member
Gary Davis	Board Member (VP/Treasurer)
Bill Byrd	Board Member (Town of Milltown)
Tony Combs	Board Member
Chris Byrd	Board Attorney
David Eberenz	Capitol Engineering
Bill Sanders	Heritage Engineering

Absent:

J.R. Eckart	Board Member
Darin Duncan	Board Member (Secretary)
Fred Cammack	Board Member (Town of Corydon)
Rusty Sizemore	Board Member (Town of Lanesville)*
Rob Huckaby	Stantec
Steve Tolliver	Aqua Utilities (WWTP Operator)
Bob Woosley	Heritage Engineering (District's Engineer)

Guest:

Steve Gilliland	Harrison County Community Foundation
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* *Town Voting Member*

Action Items:

- 1. Approved February 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes.** *Motion made by Tony Combs, seconded by Dan Lee to approve the February 18th minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 2. Approved Revised February 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes.** *A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised February 4th meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 3. Berkshire WWTP Upgrades:** Dave Eberenz presented options for the Berkshire Wastewater treatment plant expansion and other upgrades/improvements.

WWTP Expansion:

- Option 1 was to re-use old tanks and double the capacity of the plant to 60,000 gpd (opinion of probable cost - \$200,000).

- ii. Option 2 was to use old tanks and take capacity of the plan to 90,000 gpd (opinion of probable cost - \$600,000).
- iii. Option 3 was to build a new concrete facility with a capacity of 90,000 (opinion of probable cost - \$800,000). The concrete facility would likely be moved elsewhere on the Berkshire site.

General discussion was held regarding these options, but a decision was deferred until the District could determine funding options.

Backup Generator: Dave Eberenz also presented options for a backup generator based on a request from the Board at the last meeting.

- Option 1 is to secure the rental of a generator if needed. The cost for this would be \$600/week based on an 8 hr day. If it runs 24/7 for a week, the cost would be \$1,800. There would also be labor costs of \$1,000 to pick up and return the generator, and a \$200 daily charge to check the generator and fuel. There is also a one time cost of \$1,930 to install manual switch gear and Pig tail at the plant.
- Option 2 is to purchase a portable 60 KW generator. The cost for this is \$33,820. There is also a onetime cost of \$1,930 to install manual switch gear and Pig tail at the plant.
- Option 3 is to construct a permanent installation (generator, concrete pad, and electrical connections) for 60 KW (would cover current plant size), 100 KW (60,000 gpd plant) or 150 KW (100,000 gpd plant). The cost estimates are \$30,311, \$38,488 and \$50,488, respectively.

Dave noted that in Option 1, there would likely be an additional premium rate that is not included to have first rights on a generator. The Board noted that a permanent installation would not be the best option now since the plant is temporary. Option 2 may be better in the future, but the current capital cost to the District is too high relative to the amount of equipment the HCRSD owns.

A motion was made by Tony to proceed with Option 1, installing the necessary equipment and securing a contract. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Bill Byrd noted that he generally is against the HCRSD owning equipment if it can be avoided. Dan noted that we have had two extreme weather events (September Wind Storm event and February Ice Storm) and have managed to avoid an illicit discharge at the plant. At this point Dan feels that it is \$2,000 spent that is not needed. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

Dan then made a motion to consider this further at the next meeting. It was seconded by Tony. Dave Eberenz was going to follow up to determine the premium cost to secure the generator. All voted in favor.

Bypass Pump:

Dave Eberenz recommended that the board consider adding a bypass pump for the Effluent Chamber. The bypass pump and hook up would cost \$3,400.

4. Subcommittee Report:

The subcommittee met with Jill Saegesser regarding available funding sources and the stimulus package. Jill noted that currently a 25 %match is required. There has been some discussion that other grants may be able to be used to cover that portion, but

historically that has not been allowed. Upon reviewing the seven projects submitted, Jill noted that projects 4,5 and 7 were unlikely to be funded.

There is general confusion over how the funding will be distributed and what prerequisites will be required. Gary noted that at this point, we don't have detailed construction plans prepared or easements acquired. Gary and other Board members were hopeful that the meeting Bob Woosley is attending in North Vernon would provide some additional information on what would be required. Gary also noted that the Board may want to proceed to have construction plans further prepared. He did note that Bob Woosley previously mentioned that it might be better to wait until after New Salisbury has voted on the project before preparing any construction plans.

The Board discussed that it is difficult to make any decisions on projects until the funding sources are determined.

Steve Gilliland from the Harrison County Community Foundation discussed where they currently stand with the HCRSD's current request. He noted that they still have their request under consideration. Generally speaking, the Foundation would like to spend money on design and easement acquisition rather than construction.

5. Lanesville Sludge Hauling

Chris Byrd noted that Aqua is currently taking sludge to Lanesville following the terms in the agreement. However, as of the meeting date, he had not received the signed document from the Town. He anticipated getting it anytime.

6. Hospital Easements

Chris Byrd said the final agreement was sent to John Colin on Monday, March 2. He spoke with John and he is agreeable to the document, but as of the Board meeting he had not received the signed documents. He anticipated getting it anytime.

7. Medical Campus Rate Ordinance Revision

The proposed ordinance was reviewed by Corydon and they have one requested change, that in Section 3.a.2 the 5/8" meter be changed to 5/8"/3/4" to reflect their standard meter sizes. Tom Tucker said he also had called Ramsey and that they have the same meter sizes.

Gary Davis made a motion to change the ordinance as noted, and Tony seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board also approved the public meeting to review the ordinance on April 1st. Heritage will coordinate with the rate consultant to make sure the ordinance is changed as noted and that the public hearing notifications are done appropriately.

8. Turtle Run Winery

Bill Sanders noted that Bob Woosley had not yet been able to reach Turtle Run regarding their schedule and if they would be open to working out an agreement with HCRSD. Bob will report at the next meeting or send a follow up e-mail.

9. Other Business:

- i. Invoices:
 - a. A motion was made to approve Heritage Invoice #36 from the Program Budget by Dan and seconded by Tony. All approved.
 - b. A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Tony to approve Heritage Invoice # 19 from the Projects Budget. All approved.
 - c. A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Dan to approve Chris Byrd's Invoice for \$257.09. All approved.
- ii. Gary Davis noted that the District had received two checks, one from SSK and one from the Hospital.

Next Meeting:

- 1. Board Meeting: **Wednesday March 18, 2009 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 - Lanesville (Rusty Sizemore)