

Harrison County Regional Sewer District

August 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 1st, 2007
7:00 pm
Commissioner's Room
Harrison County Courthouse
Corydon, IN 47112

In Attendance: Tom Tucker Board Member (President)
Fred Cammack Board Member (Town of Corydon)*
Darin Duncan Board Member (Secretary)
Tony Combs Board Member
Gary Davis Board Member (VP/Treasurer)
Chris Byrd Board Attorney
Bob Woosley Heritage Engineering (RSD Consultant)
Mark Johnson Heritage Engineering (RSD Consultant)

Absent: Alan Pate Town of Palmyra
Jim Pevlor Board Member (Town of Milltown)
JR Eckart Board Member
Rusty Sizemore Board Member (Town of Lanesville)
Daniel Lee Board Member
Steve Hall FSM Engineers (RSD Consultant)

* Town Voting Member

Action Items:

1. **Approved July 18th, 2007 Meeting Minutes.** Motion made by Darin Duncan, seconded by Gary Davis to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **New Salisbury Area:** At the July 10th District Board meeting the Clunie Family submitted eleven questions into the records and requested that they be answered. Answers to these eleven questions were handed out at the meeting (see Attachment "A"). Members of the Clunie family were in attendance and received a copy of these responses. From this July 10th meeting it was determined that a second look should be taken at taking wastewater flow from this area to either Palmyra or Corydon, thus eliminating the need for a WWTP in the area. Bob Woosley and Mark Johnson presented information that detailed several options for providing service to this area (see Attachment "B"). As a result of their research the following was presented as possible options for providing wastewater treatment to New Salisbury.
 - Regional WWTP (located along Indian Creek)
 - Corydon WWTP
 - Berkshire Pointe WWTP
 - Palmyra WWTP

Regional WWTP

As discussed at past meetings this WWTP would be located near Indian Creek. The location of the plant could be south along SR 135 or east along SR 64. Final location would be dependant upon development of the area and if/when the Lanesville Connector Road becomes a reality.

Cost: \$2,000,000
Schedule: 18 -24 months

Corydon WWTP

This options results in pumping flow to the proposed North Corydon WWTP (currently awaiting start of construction – expected to be complete in 2008/2009). Results in the District not building a WWTP at this time. Results in numerous pump stations to convey flow to WWTP. Alignment of force main would follow railroad tracks along SR 135.

Cost: \$4,000,000
Schedule: 18 – 24 months

Berkshire Pointe WWTP

This option took another look at utilizing the existing 30,000 gpd WWTP located at the Berkshire Pointe Mobile Home Community located along SR 64 east of New Salisbury. The currently WWTP sits on a 2.4 acre tract that has been platted as a Utility parcel. Existing facility is currently permitted to be expanded to accept flow of 80,000 gpd. Current plant is treating approximately 5,000 gpd dry weather flow and 10,000 gpd wet weather flow (data provided via flow monitoring performed by the Owner of the WWTP as part of the Agreed Order with IDEM). Existing plant has available capacity to immediately serve the businesses in New Salisbury (generating approximately 5,000 gpd per Ramsey Water records). This option would install a lift station in the Town of New Salisbury and pump flow to the WWTP. The District would take over control of the WWTP.

Cost: \$600,000
Schedule: 6 – 12 months

Palmyra WWTP

The existing WWTP is a 140,000 gpd facility that discharges to a sinkhole. The plant currently is treating approximately 80,000 gpd with commitments made for an additional 30,000 gpd leaving approximately 30,000 gpd of capacity available (information provided by George Morgan with the Town of Palmyra). While IDEM does not prohibit expansions of such facilities the discharge of treated wastewater into sinkholes is not encouraged. Expansion of this facility will be costly as it will result in upgrades to the Town's collection system. Recently the Town received a written violation from IDEM due to inflow and infiltration (I & I) problems in their system. The Town is taking steps to mitigate these I & I problems as funds are available. Due to the complexity, costs, the limited available capacity and that the system discharges into a sinkhole, this option was eliminated from further consideration.

Recommendation:

It was the recommendation of Heritage Engineering that District utilize the Berkshire WWTP option for the foreseeable future. This option is the most cost effective, allows for treatment at an existing permitted site, provides room for replacement and/or expansion of the facility on the existing site if needed, and allows time to determine how growth will occur in this part of the County. Board members present were not in agreement on accepting this recommendation at this time. Before they make a decision they requested that additional information be gathered.

A motion was made by Darin Duncan and seconded by Tony Combs to allow Heritage to enter discussions with SSK Communities (owners of Berkshire) to determine if they are still interested in working with the District and to contact Schmidt Cabinets to determine what type of financial commitment they may be willing to make towards the project. Motion passed unanimously. Heritage was also instructed to provide cost data to Umbaugh (District's rate consultant) to allow a rate analysis to be performed on the Berkshire option.

The Board will use this data to determine if they will accept the recommendation of their engineer to move forward with the Berkshire option or if they will pursue other options. This information will be discussed in greater detail at a future meeting.

3. **Hospital Sewers Update:** The Hospital is currently in negotiations with Bob Lynn to acquire the necessary easement to construct the new lift station. Darin Duncan asked why is it the Hospital's responsibility to acquire this easement? Mr. Duncan was assuming that the Town was acquiring this easement given that is what was stated in the past. Mr. Woosley responded that the Town stated at a meeting on July 20, 2007 that they felt the Hospital needed to work out the details with Mr. Lynn in acquiring the easement. Mr. Duncan feels that since the Hospital is a District customer then the District should be responsible for acquiring this easement, not the Hospital. The Board gave Chris Byrd permission to contact Mr. John Colin, Hospital's attorney, to discuss what assistance is needed from the District in acquiring this easement.
4. **Stormwater Ordinance:** The subcommittee met on July 25th to discuss what steps will be taken to introduce this Ordinance to the public and present to the Commissioners. A draft outline was discussed and will be presented to the Commissioners for their input. It was determined that the same basic set up used to form the District will be followed (i.e. Stakeholders, Steering Committee, etc.). The draft outline will be emailed to all Board members immediately following this meeting. Representatives from FMSM Engineers will present this to the Commissioner's at their meeting on August 6, 2007.
5. **District Insurance:** Tom Tucker presented the insurance policy from Bennett and Bennett Insurance to provide the same coverage as last year at the same rate: \$1,035. This will cover July 2007 – July 2008. Motion was made by Gary Davis to accept the quote from Bennett and Bennett, seconded by Fred Cammack. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

1. August 15th, 8:30 am @ Harrison County Commissioner's Room.
2. Agenda Items:
 - Approval of Aug. 1st meeting minutes
 - Hospital Update
 - Stormwater Ordinance Update
 - Other Items

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

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