

Harrison County Regional Sewer District

March 5th, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 5th, 2007
11:30 am
Lanesville Jaycees Club
Heritage Park
Lanesville, IN

In Attendance: Darin Duncan Board Member (Secretary)
Daniel Lee Board Member
Gary Davis Board Member (Vice President/Treasurer)
Rusty Sizemore Board Member (Town of Lanesville)
Tom Tucker Board Member (President)
Fred Cammack Board Member (Town of Corydon)*
Tony Combs Board Member
Alan Pate Town of Palmyra
Chris Byrd Board Attorney
Bob Woosley Heritage Engineering (RSD Consultant)

Absent: JR Eckart Board Member
Jim Pevlor Board Member (Town of Milltown)
Steve Hall FMSM Engineers (RSD Consultant)

Guests: Matt Robinson Capitol Engineering
Dave Eberenz Capitol Engineering
Steve Toliver Capitol Engineering/Aqua Utility Services
James Kovacs American Consulting Engineers
Jessica Bastin American Consulting Engineers
Micheal Koyak American Consulting Engineers

* Town Voting Member

Action Items:

1. **Approved February 22nd, 2007 Meeting Minutes.** Motion made by Gary Davis, seconded by Dan Lee to approve the minutes. All voted in favor of this motion.
2. **Berkshire WWTP (Statement of Qualifications):** The two short-listed firms (American Consulting Engineers & Capitol Engineering) gave brief presentations regarding their qualifications. A brief summary:

American Engineers:

- Did not directly answer the questions submitted to them prior to the meeting. Stated that improvements to the plant would only be a “band aide” solution and not a permanent fix.

- Recommended that the District considering building a regional facility or a temporary facility in a location closer to New Salisbury in lieu of upgrading the Berkshire WWTP.
- Recommended the District look at this from more of a regional planning perspective.

Capitol Engineering:

- Answered all questions submitted to them prior to the meeting.
- Recommended that the District make improvements to the Berkshire WWTP to allow it to continue operation and meet permit while a regional WWTP is planned, site selection is made, design can be completed, and construction can occur.
- Acknowledged that a regional solution is preferred but given the District's time constraints in dealing with IDEM regarding the pending Agreed Orders with Schmidt and Berkshire, felt that making improvements to Berkshire is the most feasible solution at this time.

The handout materials provided by each consultant are attached to these minutes.

Upon conclusion of the presentations much discussion was held. The Board was reminded by their consultant (Bob Woosley) that the regional planning solution suggested by American is the preferred solution that has been discussed all along. However, it was further discussed that given the time constraints it appeared that immediately picking up the flow from Berkshire, at no cost to the District, was the best solution. This allows the District to gain control of the flow, eliminate a source of pollution, and affords the District time to properly select and acquire a site, permit the discharge location, design the improvements, and construct the improvements for a regional WWTP. The overall time from site selection to finished construction on a regional facility will likely take approximately 18 – 24 months (assuming a site can be acquired in a timely manner).

A selection of a consultant was tabled. It was decided that the District would invite IDEM officials to a meeting to review Berkshire. The Board will ask if IDEM is willing to allow limited improvements be made to the plant until such time a regional facility (or a temporary facility in another location) is in operation. Bob Woosley will contact IDEM and coordinate this meeting.

3. **Milltown – Funding Request:** No update was provided at this time.

Next Meeting:

1. Date and Place to be determined based on availability of IDEM officials.
2. Agenda Items:
 - Approval of March 5th meeting minutes
 - Berkshire WWTP Discussion with IDEM officials
 - Rate Consultant: discussion regarding rates

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