

Harrison County Regional Sewer District

November 15th, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 15th, 2006
8:30 am
Harrison County Commissioner's Room
Harrison County Courthouse
Corydon, IN

In Attendance:

Darin Duncan	Board Member (Secretary)
Daniel Lee	Board Member
Herb Schneider	Board Member (Town of Lanesville)
Tom Tucker	Board Member (President)
Tony Combs	Board Member
Fred Cammack	Board Member (Town of Corydon)
Alan Pate	Town of Palmyra
Bob Woosley	Heritage Engineering (RSD Consultant)
Steve Hall	FMSM Engineers (RSD Consultant)
Chris Byrd	Board Attorney

Absent:

Gary Davis	Board Member (Treasurer)
JR Eckart	Board Member
Jim Pevlor	Board Member (Town of Milltown)

Guests:

Jonni DiLaura Schmidt	Schmidt Cabinet Company
Kevin Russel	County Engineer
Jennifer Donahue	IDEM
Paul Cluxton	IDEM
Mark Stanifer	IDEM

Action Items:

1. **Approved November 1st, 2006 Meeting Minutes.** Motion made by Tony Combs, second by Dan Lee.
2. **Corydon Flow Request Letter:** a letter requesting capacity from Corydon to allow the District to accept flow from the Hospital was signed and will be sent to Corydon immediately. Upon Corydon's review and response the District will then proceed with the necessary improvements and work required to provide service to the Hospital site.
3. **2006 Budget:** Heritage shall prepare an amendment to their contract that will encumber the remaining funds in the 2006 Budget (approximately \$20,000). These funds are necessary to continue work on the Schmidt Cabinet and Berkshire Mobile Home Park efforts.

4. **2007 Budget:** Approved the following Operating Budget:

RSD Board Meetings	\$22,000
Public Outreach	\$8,500
Design Standards	\$4,000
Service Area Prioritization	\$5,000
Stormwater Ordinance	\$21,000
Legal Counsel	\$5,000
Liability Insurance	\$1,500
Direct Expenses	\$4,000
Out-of-Pocket Expenses	<u>\$4,000</u>
	\$75,000

Tom Tucker will present this to the Commissioner's on Monday November 20th, 2006.

The "seed" money request of \$600,000 to begin capital construction projects will be deferred until January. This will allow sufficient time to bring the newly elected officials (Commissioner and Council persons) up to speed on the progress made to date on the District's plans for moving forward. It was discussed that this may occur during the month of December by inviting these new officials to a Board meeting.

5. **Berkshire WWTP:** A site visit with the North Madison (KY) Sewer District will be held on Friday November 17th, 2006. Tom Tucker, Fred Cammack, Tony Combs, and Herb Schneider all plan to attend.
6. **Sewer Standards:** A draft copy of sewer standards was distributed for review. Bob Woosley will email an electronic copy to everyone. Darin Duncan requested that all Board members take time to review and provide comments. This is a work in progress and will be tweaked along the way prior to final adoption.
7. **Site Visits to Local WWTP's:** This will be scheduled for January or February. A final date(s) will be set at a future Board meeting.

Summary of Items Discussed

1. Board Member Payment: It was asked by a Board Member if any thought had been given to providing a monthly payment to Board members for attendance at meetings. Indiana Code 13-26 allows for the following:

IC 13-26-4-7 Compensation and expenses of trustees

- (a) *The board of a district may provide for the payment of not more than fifty dollars (\$50) per day to members of the board for each day or major part of the day devoted to the work of the district.*
- (b) *Members of the board are entitled to receive an amount for travel expenses equal to the amount paid to state employees for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.*
- (c) *Payments made to board members under subsections (a) and (b) shall be made from the general fund of the district.*

All present were in general agreement that some amount of compensation should be made. This will be discussed further at the next Board and a decision made.

2. Stormwater Ordinance: Darin Duncan suggested that Heritage and FMSM get together to discuss additional names to add from the developer community and bring this back at a future Board meeting. A suggestion was made that the Board may want to consider breaking a stakeholders group up into parts (developers and public officials), meeting independently with these groups, then bringing everyone together to discuss the issues in detail. This is a similar approach used during the Feasibility Study. It was agreed that this work will likely not take place until January.
3. IDEM Officials (Berkshire & Schmidt): IDEM officials were present to review the Agreed Orders with both Schmidt Cabinet and SSK Communities (owner of Berkshire Mobile Home Park WWTP). Mark Stanifer, Chief of Water Section Enforcement with IDEM, gave an overview of their current position on both Orders.

Schmidt Cabinet: IDEM is willing to work with them to find a way to reduce the financial impact on the business to allow them to connect to a public sewer. Schmidt recently paid a \$4,000 fine to IDEM.

Berkshire: SSK Communities is well behind schedule. IDEM is hopeful that the District can work out an agreement and take over operation and maintenance of the plant. At the present time IDEM officials are contemplating their next move regarding fines and penalties. IDEM has lost their patience with SSK as it appears that very little progress has been made towards implementation of the proposed improvements. Mr. Stanifer stated that IDEM would prefer that SSK's funds be expended towards plant improvements and not towards paying fines.

Next Meeting:

1. Dec. 6th, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. @ Harrison County Commissioner's Room.
2. Agenda Items:
 - 2007 Budget Review (review of "seed" money request)
 - Update on meeting with Madison County Regional Sewer District
 - Sewer Standards – review/edit
 - Hospital Service

Minutes prepared by: Heritage Engineering/FMSM Engineers

End of Minutes

Approved By:

Tom Tucker, President

Tony Combs

Darin Duncan, Secretary

Daniel Lee

Gary Davis, Treasurer

JR Eckart

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