

LaPorte County Regional Sewer Dist. Meeting

April 7, 2020 -1000

Zoom Meeting

Time and Place-

The April 2020 meeting was held via Zoom on April 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM CST.

Attendees-

Tony Mancuso, Marcella Kunstek, Jerry Jackson, John Carr, Mark Danielson, Dalia Zygas, Mitch Bishop.

Approval of Minutes-

John Carr made a motion to approve February meeting minutes. Mark Danielson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Reports: Finance Staff

Tony Mancuso presents billing/claims- Mitch Bishop makes a motion to approve and Mark Danielson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comments-

No Public Comments

New Business-

Tony Mancuso welcomes new Board Members- John Carr and Mark Danielson

Tony Mancuso announces we need to appoint Board Positions.

Jerry Jackson makes a motion to appoint Tony Mancuso as President, seconded by Dalia Z.

John Carr makes a motion to appoint Marcella Kunstek as Vice President, seconded by Mark Danielson.

The Secretary position is tabled until May- Marcella will take minutes.

Tony Mancuso, President expresses the need to hire a part-time RSD Director to manage the LaPorte County Regional Sewer & water Dist. Tony Mancuso is also the Administrator for the LaPorte County Health Dept. Tony asks Barry McDonnell, the board attorney for guidance.

Barry suggests a part-time position or contractor. We would need to put together a job description and seek applicants-possibly through an RFP.

Marcella Kunstek asks if we need approval through Commission or Council? Tony nor Barry say this is needed.

Tony Mancuso discusses the Responsible Bidder Ordinance that has been presented by the Board Attorney Barry McDonnell. This Ordinance is the same passed by the LaPorte County Commission. There is discussion by the board- Dalia Z asks about the apprenticeship language and the need for this. Board member John Carr explains the apprenticeship language ensures we have a highly skilled and educated workforce.

John Carr makes a motion to adopt the Responsible Bidder Ordinance, board member Mark Danielson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Attorney McDonnell advises the board that we will need to advertise the Ordinance for 30 days then have the second reading in May.

Tony Mancuso, President asks if all board members looked over the Krohn & Associates proposal for financial and accounting services. Mark Danielson asks Attorney McDonnell if this aligns with the last contract. Barry says "yes". Mark Danielson makes a motion to accept, John Carr seconds. All were in favor.

Steve Carter presents to the Board on investing funds in the Toll Road account-consideration of Hoosier Fund/Trust IN.org. Mark Danielson asks Board Attorney McDonnell to check into this further. The Board will table a decision until further investigation.

Old Business-

Discussion on the Rolling Prairie Phase II project is held. The first discussion is on the Bond for the project and when the first payment is due. The Board would like to know about interest also. Steve will check into this and report to Barry McDonnell and Tony.

There is discussion on re-bidding the Rolling Prairie Phase II project-many board members believe this is a good idea. We have held the bid for 1.5 years. Mark Danielson believes bidding now with the environment we are currently in may be more competitive and bring more bidders. Tony and Mitch echo Marks comments. It will also allow us to make subtle changes to the specifications.

Ken also comments that the State revolving Funds is very committed, and they understand that we have encountered circumstances that we have no control over. Ken informs the board it will take two weeks to make changes to the plans and prepare the advertisement.

John Carr makes a motion to re-bid the project, Mark Danielson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting-

The next meeting of the LaPorte Regional Sewer & Water Dist. Will be held on May 7th, 2020 at 0900 AM CST via Zoom video conferencing.

Adjournment-

John Carr makes a motion to adjourn. Mitch Bishop seconded the motion. All were in favor.