

LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT MEETING

Zoom Meeting

July 14th, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Time and Place:

The June 2020 LaPorte County Regional Sewer & Water District meeting was held on July 14th, 2020 @ the LaPorte County Annex Building, Community Room #3. Located at 809 State St., LaPorte, IN 46350.

Attendees:

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Tony Mancuso, those in attendance were Mitch Bishop, John Carr, Marcella Kunstek, Mark Danielson, Jerry Jackson, not present Dalia Zygas. Dalia Zygas arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Marcella Kunstek made the motion to accept the minutes from the June 4th, 2020 meeting. Mark Danielson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Reports - Finance Staff:

1.) Financial Report

A.) Horizon Bank Checking had a beginning balance of \$26,187.63 as of June 1, 2020.

1. Deposits 2,101.23
2. Interest Paid \$1.11
3. Disbursements: \$323.23 in Operation Expenses

B.) Horizon Bank Checking had an ending balance of \$27,966.74 as of June 30, 2020.

2.) Toll Road Service Area Account

A.) Begging balance as of \$246,401.41 as of June 1, 2020

1. Deposits \$26,960.00
2. Interest Paid: \$10.19
3. Disbursements: \$13,324.54

B.) Account Ending balance as of June 30, 2020 is \$260,047.06.

3.) Claims

Steve Carter, the Board's accountant, presented claims in the amount of \$28,125.48.

Mark Danielson made the motion to accept the finance reports as presented, as well as the approval of claims in the amount of \$28,125.48. Jerry Jackson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Steve Carter also reviewed the Hosier Fund Application and suggested based on the District's normal monthly operating expenses estimated between \$10-\$15,000 and the fact that the fund is

a Money Market Fund (which means the lead time to get the money out is one day) that the District should be aggressive with the amount they move to this account. Steve Carter suggested \$200,000. Motion was made by Mark Danielson to move \$200,000 to the Hoosier Fund Account and seconded by Marcella Kunstek, and all were in favor.

Dalia Zygas personally arrived to join the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Public Comments:

No comments.

New Business:

Bid Opening – Phase II Rolling Prairie

Barry McDonnell, Board's Attorney, reminded everyone that the bids would be opened and the amounts read and then the bid packets would be given to the Engineers for review to compare and bring back to next months meeting with a recommendation to the Board.

The bids were opened and read as follows:

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| 1. Grimmer Construction | \$2,177,676.00 |
| 2. LGS Plumbing, Inc. | \$3,332,746.00 |
| 3. G.E. Marshall, Inc. | \$2,155,693.12 |
| 4. HRP Construction, Inc. | \$2,193,350.00 |
| 5. Woodruff and Sons, Inc. | \$2,147,699.88 |
| 6. DeBoer Egolf Corporation | \$2,626,352.00 |
| 7. H&G Underground Utilities Inc | \$2,537,881.44 |

Staff - Astbury Water Technology, Chris Vogeler, Operator:

- Air Conditioner Quotes – Approved last month to get fixed for \$1,000. Called 2 people on the list but they did not call me back. Called Wayne Heating & Air Conditioning Company, Inc. and they came out the same day and repaired the fix for the \$1,000. Then a different part broke again the following week. They came out again and fixed the stating component. Shortly thereafter the compressor failed and they sent Chris a bid for a new one. Their bid was \$7,702.00. Chris Vogeler also got a bid from Maple City Mechanical for something similar but not exact \$6,886.00. Discussion regarding the warranty length and cost of the two quotes was a concern. Motion made by Mark Danielson and seconded by Mitch Bishop to approve the quote from Maple City Mechanical Heating & Air Conditioning in the amount of \$6,886.00, all in favor.
- Power Outage - Power outages in the area created an issue with the panel for the well not to reset. The well company (Chris could not remember the name) came out to reset the panel breakers. Chris was advising the board because there will be extra billing for the well company coming onsite for the reset of the breakers in the panel.

Old Business:

- Solar Panels – Utility bills will be sent to Midwest for information and to see if we can get a presentation to the board on what they can provide as far as Pros and Cons.

- Dismissal of the Appeal – Attorney McDonnell discussed that the dismissal was in the Board's favor but that the Petitioner did file an Appeal in LaPorte Superior Court No. II of the Law Judge's Decision. The attorney's have already entered an Appearance and issued a Response, at this time there is no concern regarding moving on with the project. If there are more questions or concerns then an Executive Session would be recommended.
- Ken Jones further discussed that with the re-bids coming in and looking at the apparent low bidder that there will have to be further discussions of additional funds. Additional funds will be needed for contingency and make up for some of the legal fees. Ken Jones also discussed that the board needs to think about being ready at the next meeting to send out the statutory notification – assuming all funding is in place. Board should be prepared to provide that notice to the property owners. Packets should be ready to go out to the property owners after the construction bid is signed and the pre-con meeting is held. That way the property owners would have a schedule to rely upon for the construction. Barry McDonnell confirmed that if no further unexpected filing or ruling comes up then everything should continue to keep moving forward.
- Next Meeting: The next LaPorte Co Regional Sewer & Water Board meeting will be held on August 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., CST. The meeting will be held by Zoom.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn was made by Mitch Bishop, seconded by Mark Danielson, all in favor.