

LaPorte County Regional Sewer Dist. Meeting

May 7, 2020 -0900

Zoom Meeting

Time and Place-

The April 2020 meeting was held via Zoom on May 7, 2020 at 0900 AM CST.

Attendees-

Tony Mancuso, Marcella Kunstek, Jerry Jackson, John Carr, Mark Danielson, Dalia Zygas, Mitch Bishop, Barry McDonnell, and a local resident.

Approval of Minutes-

Mark Danielson- made a motion to approve February meeting minutes. Jerry Jackson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Reports: Finance Staff

Tony Mancuso presents billing/claims- Marcella Kunstek makes a motion to approve and Tony Mancuso seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comments-

No Public Comments

New Business-

Tony Mancuso asks about the Secretary position for the RSD Board- Jerry Jackson will take the position-Marcella Kunstek makes the motion-Mark Danielson seconded- all in favor.

Discussion is held regarding the Toll Road lift station- someone is flushing rags and causing an issue. Previous operator warned them of the situation.

Attorney McDonnell suggests we put the ITRCC on notice. Mark Danielson suggests a formal letter. Ken Jones with JPR suggests we look at dollar amounts spent for repairs and include this in the letter. Going forward we may have to bill for the issue.

Midwest Solar Discussion- we were contacted by a Mark Van Dongen who was inquiring about the property near the Toll Road plant to place solar panels. Jerry Jackson suggests we tour the solar facility within the City of LaPorte- Mark Danielson, Marcella Kunstek and Dalia Z would like to attend as well.

Tony Mancuso introduces us to Jennifer Ransbottom with JPR- she has expressed an interest and letter regarding a part time Administrative Services position-RSD Director. She shares her qualifications. Marcella Kunstek thanks her but asks if we should advertise for the position-Ken from JPR suggests we do an RFP for a candidate with a deep understanding of practice and protocol. We table a decision until we do more research on a salary. Mark Danielson makes a motion- Marcella Kunstek seconded the motion. All agree.

Old Business

The Responsible Bidder Ordinance is read by title only and a motion to approve is made by Mark Danielson and a second by Marcella Kunstek. All agree.

Jerry Jackson makes a motion to have the third reading today, Mitch Bishop seconded the motion, and all approve.

We have a legal update on the Rolling Prairie project. Sadly, no ruling yet from the Administrative Law Judge.

Ken Jones from JPR- suggests we do not bid the project until we have a ruling.

Ken Jones from JPR advises the plans for the Rolling Prairie sewer expansion project have been updated.

Stephen from Krohn & Associates asks if we had an opportunity to discuss the Investment options, namely the Hoosier Fund. Barry will look into this and prepare a resolution.

Next Meeting

The next LaPorte Co Regional Sewer & Water Board meeting will be June 4, 2020 at 0900 AM CST. This will be held via Zoom.

Adjournment

Tony Mancuso makes a motion to adjourn, John Carr seconded the motion. All agree.