

LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Time and Place:

The LaPorte County Regional Sewer & Water District monthly board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time, by Zoom Meeting only. Login: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85628884913?pwd=RmtuR1VtZFY5KzFDL1RkTm5BVk1mZz09>
Meeting ID: 856 2888 4913 Password: 093211

Attendees:

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by John Carr, roll call was taken. Those present included the following: John Carr, Mitch Bishop, Marcella Kunstek, Jerry Jackson, and Mark Danielson. Dalia Zygas was not present at the time of roll call but did join the meeting at approximately 9:05 a.m. Not present was Amanda Lahners.

Approval of Minutes:

No Minutes were presented for approval this month.

Public Comments:

John Smith – If the installation is done after June 1st will the \$1,000 rebate still be given? Jennifer indicated that the timeline for the connections was going to be discussed at the meeting today and that the reimbursement timeline was 90 days after the connection. Discussion regarding extending the connection deadline for the property owners was discussed among the board members. Dan Byam further indicated that at this time the State has not officially approved the Reimbursement guidelines as it is part of the P.E.R. Amendment #3 – they did verbally approve it but not in writing.

Joyce Forbes – Hudson Lake – Would like to see the Agenda posted on the website and the minutes updated on the website. Would like to say that the Public Hearing meeting was extremely helpful, and Ken Jones provided information at the meeting of which she was not even aware.

No further public comments made – Public Comments Closed.

Reports - Finance Staff:

Steve Carter, the Board's accountant, presented the board with the following reports:
Financial Report

1.) Toll Road

A.) Beginning balance \$190,876.90 as of April 1, 2022.

1. Deposits: \$25,518.10

2. Interest Paid: \$1.59
3. Disbursements: \$30,529.80
- B.) Account Ending balance as of April 30, 2022, is \$185,866.79.
- 2.) Rolling Prairie Service Area
 - A.) Horizon Bank Checking-Rolling Prairie Account - had a beginning balance of \$41,308.47 as of April 1, 2022.
 1. Deposits: \$9,398.82
 2. Interest Paid \$.81
 3. Disbursements: \$4,017.75
 4. Loan Principal County: \$1,830.00
 5. Transfers Bond & Int Acct: \$4,250.00
 6. Transfers Debt Serv Reserve Acct: \$991.67
 - B.) Horizon Bank Checking had an ending balance of \$43,302.01 as of April 30, 2022.
- 3.) Hoosier Fund:
 - A.) Beginning balance \$251,150.46 as of April 1, 2022.
 1. Interest Paid: \$72.26
 - B.) Hoosier Fund ending balance as of April 30, 2022, is \$251,222.72.
- 4.) Claims

Steve Carter presented claims for consideration in the amount of \$3327,056.40. There were some late additions added after the board packets were emailed to everyone.

Marcella Kunstek made the motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$35,543.90. Seconded by Mark Danielson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Reports:

Astbury

- Chris Vogeler from Astbury Technology reported that there was nothing more than what was in the report.
- Christ will be scheduled 8 loads of sludge hauling.

Phase II Billing Update – Jennifer Ransbottom

Jennifer Ransbottom, from JPR gave an update on Phase II -

- Billing: Nothing new other than what is in the report.
- Working on Reimbursement Plan processing paperwork

Phase II Update – Dan Byam

Dan Byam from JPR gave an update on Phase II -

- Submitted P.E.R. #3 was delivered to SRF – they acknowledged receipt of it, and we are awaiting approval and should receive it in the next few weeks.
- The Water System Asset Management Plan is wrapped up and will forward to Steve Carter.
- Discussion regarding the extending the deadline for the property owners in Phase II to connect. And then the 90-day extension for the Reimbursement Program after that connection period.

Dalia Zygas made a motion to move the property owner connection date for Phase II to October 1, 2022, and the Customer Connection Reimbursement Request will expire 90 days after the deadline date which will be January 1, 2023. Seconded by Mark Danielson. All in favor. Motion passed.

- Hudson/Saugany Public Hearing – Jenny Foglesong gave a briefing regarding the attendance of about 20 people attending.
- No comments have been received from the SRF application.
- USDA application will also be submitted this month as well.
- John Carr commented that Ken Jones did a wonderful job with the Public Hearing and providing information and great detail.

2022 Meetings:

- 4th Tuesday of every month for Meeting Dates for the Sewer Board for 2022
- Next meeting, June 28, 2022, in person and zoom.

New Business:

Mitch Bishop is meeting with the property owner at 304 Prairie Street this Thursday at 12 noon.

Old Business:

- None

Adjournment:

Mark Danielson made the motion to adjourn at 9:27 a.m. Seconded by Marcella Kunstek. Roll call taken; all in favor. Motion passed.