

**AMENDED AND RESTATED BOND ORDINANCE 2023-02**

**AN AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SEWAGE WORKS SYSTEM OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT, THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE THE COST THEREOF, THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH SYSTEM, THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS OF SUCH REVENUE BONDS AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (as hereinafter defined) has heretofore adopted its Bond Ordinance No. 2022-01, on October 25, 2022 (the "Original Ordinance"), authorizing the issuance and sale of sewage works revenue bonds of the District (as hereinafter defined); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees now wishes to amend and restate the Original Ordinance in its entirety to amend certain sections to permit the sale of such bonds to the Indiana Finance Authority as a part of its IFA Program (as hereinafter defined); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Original Ordinance is hereby amended and restated to provide in its entirety as follows:

WHEREAS, the LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District (the "District"), has heretofore established, constructed and financed a sewage works system for the purpose of providing for the collection and treatment of wastewater from the District residents and users (the "System" or "Sewage works System") pursuant to IC 13-26, *et seq.*, as in effect on the issue date of the bond anticipation notes or the bonds, as applicable, which are authorized herein (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the District has an existing Treatment Works (as defined in the Financial Assistance Agreement (as hereinafter defined)); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the District (the "Board of Trustees") hereby finds: (i) that the acquisition, construction, extension and installation of certain improvements for the System, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto (the "Project"), are necessary; (ii) that plans, specifications, detailed descriptions and cost estimates for the Project (collectively, the "Engineering Report") have been prepared by Jones Petrie Rafinski, South Bend, Indiana, the engineering firm employed by the District (the "Engineer") for such purpose in connection with the Project, and (iii) that the Engineering Report has been previously adopted by the Board of Trustees and has been or will be submitted to all government authorities having jurisdiction, particularly the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM"), if and to the extent IDEM approval is required under Indiana law, and has been or will be approved by the aforesaid government authorities; and



WHEREAS, the estimates prepared and delivered by the Engineer with respect to the costs of acquisition, construction, extension and installation of certain improvements for the System, and including all authorized expenses relating thereto, including the costs of issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes on account thereof, will be in the estimated amount not to exceed \$35,000,000, to be financed by available funds of the District, if available and the issuance of sewage works revenue bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District under the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the District has or will advertise for and receive bids for the construction of the Project, and such bids will be subject to the determination to acquire, construct and install the Project and obtaining funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that there are insufficient funds available to pay the cost of the Project, and that cost of the Project is to be financed by certain available funds on hand, if necessary and through the issuance of its tax-exempt sewage works revenue bonds, in one or more series, in a principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 (the "Bonds") and, if necessary, its bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 (the "BANs"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds (a) that there are outstanding sewage works revenue bonds of the District designated (i) "Taxable Sewage Works Revenue Bond of 2018" dated December 14, 2018 (the "2018 Bonds") and (ii) "Taxable Sewage Works Revenue Bond of 2020" dated December 21, 2020 (the "2020 Bonds" and collectively with the 2018 Bonds, the "Prior Bonds") and which Prior Bonds constitute a first charge on the Net Revenues (as hereinafter defined) of the System pursuant to Ordinance No. 2018-03, adopted on July 12, 2018, as amended by Ordinance No. 2020-03 adopted on November 19, 2020 (collectively, the "Prior Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the County of LaPorte, Indiana (the "County"), pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-01 adopted by of the LaPorte County Council on September 17, 2012, made a loan from the County to the District in the amount of \$2,400,000 and which is currently outstanding in the amount of \$2,270,341.70 (the "2012 County Loan"); and

WHEREAS, the 2012 County Loan constitutes a charge upon the Improvement Fund (as defined herein) of the System and the payment of the 2012 County Loan is junior and subordinate to the payment of the Bonds and the Prior Bonds; and

WHEREAS, other than the Prior Bonds and the 2012 County Loan, there are no bonds, pledges or other obligations payable from the Net Revenues of the System; and

WHEREAS, the Prior Ordinance allows for the issuance of additional bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the System and ranking on parity with the Prior Bonds and senior to the payment of the 2012 County Loan; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will constitute a first charge against the Net Revenues of the System, on a parity with the Prior Bonds and senior to the payment of the 2012 County Loan, and are to be issued subject to the provisions of the laws of the Act and the terms and restrictions of this ordinance; and



WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees now finds that all conditions precedent to the issuance of the Bonds have been or will be met; and

WHEREAS, the District may enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement, Financial Aid Agreement, Grant Agreement and/or Funding Agreement in substantially the form or forms of Exhibit C attached hereto and made a part hereof and approved by the President (as herein defined) and the Secretary (as herein defined) as evidenced by their execution thereof as provided herein with the Indiana Finance Authority together with any subsequent amendments thereto (collectively, the "Financial Assistance Agreement"), which would pertain to the Project and the financing thereof, if and BANs or Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority pursuant to its wastewater loan program, supplemental drinking water and wastewater assistance program, water infrastructure assistance program, and/or water infrastructure grant program, established and existing pursuant to IC 5-1.2-1 through IC 5-1.2-4, IC 5-1.2-10, IC 5-1.2-11, IC 5-1.2-14 and/or IC 5-1.2-14.5 (the "IFA Program"); and

WHEREAS, the District may accept other forms of financial assistance, as and if available from the IFA Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees understands that for the Project to be permitted to be financed under the IFA Program, the District must (a) agree to own, operate, and maintain the System and the Project for their useful life and (b) represent and warrant to the Indiana Finance Authority that the District has no intent to sell, transfer, or lease the System or the Project for their useful life; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees now finds that all conditions precedent to the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the BANs and the Bonds on parity with the Prior Bonds have been or will be complied with in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations on Income Tax (the "Reimbursement Regulations") specifies conditions under which a reimbursement allocation may be treated as an expenditure of bond proceeds, and the District intends by this Ordinance to qualify amounts advanced by the District to the Project for reimbursement from proceeds of the BANs or the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Reimbursement Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT, THAT:

SECTION 1. Authorization of Project; Declaration of Official Intent. The District shall proceed with the completion of the Project in accordance with the Engineering Report, which is now on file in the office of the Secretary of the District (the "Secretary"), and is hereby adopted and approved, and by reference made a part of this Ordinance as fully as if the same were attached hereto and incorporated herein. Two (2) copies of the Engineering Report are on file in the office of the Secretary and open for public inspection pursuant to IC 36-1-5-4. The aggregate cost of the Project shall not exceed the sum of \$35,000,000, plus all investment earnings on the proceeds of the BANs and the Bonds, without further authorization from the Board of Trustees. The term "Sewage works," "sewage works," "Sewage works System," "System", "works", "utility" and



other like terms where used in this Ordinance shall be construed to mean the District's existing sewage works system (and its Treatment Works as defined in the Financial Assistance Agreement) and all real estate and equipment used in connection therewith and appurtenances thereto, and all extensions, additions and improvements thereto and replacements thereof now or at any time hereafter constructed or acquired, and all other items as defined in IC 13-26, as amended. The Project is hereby approved and shall be constructed and the BANs and the Bonds shall be issued pursuant to and in accordance with the Act. The District reasonably expects to reimburse expenditures for the Project with proceeds of the BANs or the Bonds and this constitutes a declaration of official intent pursuant to Treasury Regulation 1.150-2(e) and IC 5-1-14-6(c). In the event the Bonds or BANs are purchased by the Indiana Finance Authority as part of the IFA Program, on behalf of the District, the Board of Trustees hereby (i) agree to own, operate, and maintain the System and the Project for the duration of their useful life and (ii) represents and warrants to the Indiana Finance Authority that the District has no intent to sell, transfer, or lease the System or the Project for the duration of their useful life.

## SECTION 2. Issuance of BANs and Bonds.

(a) The District shall issue, if necessary, the BANs for the purpose of procuring interim financing to pay the cost of the Project, and, if deemed appropriate, the costs of issuance of the BANs. The District may issue the BANs in one or more series, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to be designated "Sewage Works Bond Anticipation Notes of 20\_\_" (with the blank filled in with the year of the issuance of such BANs and such further or different series designation as may be necessary or appropriate). The BANs shall be lettered and numbered consecutively from R-1 and upward, and shall be in authorized denominations of \$1,000 or more or \$1.00 consistent with the requirements of the IFA Program. The BANs shall be dated as of the date of delivery thereof and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed five percent (5.0%) per annum (the exact rate or rates to be determined through negotiations with the purchasers of the BANs) payable upon maturity. Each series of BANs will mature no later than five (5) years after their date of delivery, unless determined otherwise by the President of the Board of Trustees (the "President") with the advice of the Municipal Advisor hired by the District (the "Municipal Advisor"). The BANs are subject to renewal or extension at an interest rate or rates not to exceed five percent (5.0%) per annum (the exact rate or rates to be negotiated with the purchaser of the BANs). The term of any renewal BANs may not exceed five (5) years from the date of delivery of the initial BANs. The BANs shall be registered in the name of the purchasers thereof.

(b) The BANs shall be issued pursuant to IC 5-1-14-5, as amended, if sold to a financial institution or any other purchaser, unless sold to the Indiana Finance Authority under the IFA Program. The BANs shall be sold at a price not less than 99.5% of the principal amount thereof. The District shall pledge to the payment of the principal of and interest on the BANs, the proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds pursuant to and in the manner prescribed by the Act. The interest on the BANs may also be payable from the Net Revenues herein defined as gross revenues, inclusive of System Development Charges (as hereafter defined), of the System remaining after the payment of the reasonable expenses of operation, repair and maintenance of the System. For purposes of this Ordinance, "System Development Charges" shall mean the proceeds and balances from any non-recurring charges related to or associated with the sewage works of the District such as tap fees, subsequent connector fees, capacity or contribution fees, and other similar one-time charges that are available for deposit under this Ordinance. The BANs shall have all the qualities





and incidents of negotiable instruments under the laws of the State of Indiana subject to the provisions for registration herein.

(c) The District shall issue the Bonds, in one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 to be designated "Sewage Works Revenue Bonds, Series 20 \_\_\_\_" (with the blank filled in with the year of the issuance of such Bonds with such further or different series designation as may be necessary or appropriate), for the purpose of procuring funds to pay the cost of the Project and the refunding of the BANs, if issued, and the issuance costs of the Bonds or the BANs, if issued, as determined by the President, with the advice of the Municipal Advisor. The Bonds shall be issued and sold at a price not less than the par amount thereof if sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, or at price not less than 99.5% of the par value thereof if sold otherwise to any other purchasers. The Bonds shall be sold by the President pursuant to IC 5-1-11, as amended, unless sold to the IFA Program. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form in authorized denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof or \$1.00 consistent with the requirements of the IFA Program. The Bonds shall be lettered and numbered consecutively from R-1 and upward, originally dated the date of delivery, and shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding five percent (5.0%) per annum (the exact rate or rates to be determined by bidding or through negotiation with the Indiana Finance Authority).. Interest is payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1 in each year, commencing on the first January 1 or July 1 following the issuance of the Bonds, all as determined by the President, with the advice of the Municipal Advisor. The Bonds shall mature semiannually on January 1 and July 1, and may be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption if term bonds are issued, on January 1 or July 1, over a period ending no later than 35 years from the date of issuance of the Bonds, and in such amounts as is deemed appropriate by the President, with the advice of the Municipal Advisor; provided that if the Bonds are sold to the IFA Program, then in such amounts that will produce annual debt service that is as level as practicable, except as otherwise provided in the Financial Assistance Agreement. The Bonds will be payable solely out of and constitute a first charge against the Net Revenues of the System, inclusive of System Development Charges, on parity with the Prior Bonds and senior to the payment of the 2012 County Loan. The Bonds shall have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the laws of the State of Indiana subject to the provisions for registration herein.

Interest on the BANs and the Bonds shall be calculated according to a 360-day calendar year containing twelve 30-day months.

(d) Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the District may accept any other forms of financial assistance, as and if available, from the IFA Program (including without limitation any forgivable loans, grants or other assistance whether available as an alternative to any Bond or BAN related provision otherwise provided for herein or as a supplement or addition thereto). If required by the IFA Program to be eligible for such financial assistance, one or more of the series of the Bonds issued hereunder may be issued on a basis such that the payment of the principal of or interest on (or both) such series of Bonds is junior and subordinate to the payment of the principal of and interest on other series of Bonds issued hereunder (and/or any other revenue bonds secured by a pledge of Net Revenues, whether now outstanding or hereafter issued), all as provided by the terms of such series of Bonds as modified pursuant to this authorization. Such financial assistance, if any, shall be as provided in the Financial Assistance Agreement and the



Bonds of each series of Bonds issued hereunder (including any modification made pursuant to the authorization in this paragraph to the form of Bond otherwise contained herein).

SECTION 3. Registrar and Paying Agent; Book Entry Only Provisions. The President is authorized to select and appoint a qualified financial institution to serve as the Registrar and the Paying Agent for the BANs and the Bonds, which registrar is hereby charged with the responsibility of authenticating the BANs and the Bonds. The President is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements or understandings with such institution as will enable the institution to perform the services required of the Registrar and the Paying Agent for the BANs and the Bonds. The President is further authorized to pay such fees as the institution may charge for the services it provides as the Registrar and the Paying Agent, and such fees may be paid from the Bond and Interest Account, as hereinafter defined.

As to any purchaser of the Bonds that does not object to such designation, the President may serve as the Registrar and the Paying Agent and, in such case, is hereby charged with the duties of the Registrar and the Paying Agent.

The principal of and interest on the BANs (if interest thereon is payable only at maturity) or the principal of the BANs (if interest thereon is not payable only at maturity), and the principal of the Bonds shall be payable at the principal office of the Paying Agent, and all payments of interest on the BANs (if interest thereon is not payable only at maturity) and the Bonds shall be paid by check mailed one business day prior to the interest payment date to the registered owners thereof, as of the fifteenth day of the month preceding each interest payment date ("Record Date"), at the addresses of the registered owners as they appear on the registration books kept by the Registrar. If payment of principal or interest is made to a depository, payment shall be made by wire transfer on the payment date in same-day funds. If the BANs or the Bonds are registered in the name of the Indiana Finance Authority, the principal thereof and interest thereon shall be paid by wire transfer to such financial institution if and as directed by the Indiana Finance Authority on the due date of such payment or, if such due date is a day when financial institutions are not open for business, on the business day immediately after such due date. So long as the Indiana Finance Authority is the owner of the BANs or the Bonds, the BANs or the Bonds shall be presented for payment as directed by the Indiana Finance Authority. If the payment date occurs on a date when financial institutions are not open for business, the wire transfer shall be made on the next succeeding business day. All payments on the BANs and the Bonds shall be made in any coin or currency of the United States of America, which on the date of such payment, shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

Each BAN or Bond shall be transferable or exchangeable only upon the books of the District kept for that purpose at the principal office of the Registrar, by the registered owner thereof in person, or by its attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender of such BAN or Bond together with a written instrument of transfer or exchange satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or its attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new fully registered BAN or BANs or Bond or Bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be executed and delivered in the name of the transferee or transferees or the registered owner, as the case may be, in exchange therefore. The costs of such transfer or exchange shall be borne by the District; provided, however, that the Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with



respect to such exchange or transfer, which sum or sums shall be paid by the person requesting such exchange or transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such exchange or transfer. The District, the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Bonds may treat and consider the person in whose name the BANs or the Bonds are registered as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, including for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal thereof, the premium, if any, and interest due thereon.

Interest on the Bonds, which are authenticated on or before the Record Date, which precedes the first interest payment date, shall be paid from their original issue date; provided that interest on the Bonds sold to the Indiana Finance Authority shall begin to accrue commencing from the dates of payment on the Bonds. Interest on the Bonds authenticated subsequent to the Record Date which precedes the first interest payment date thereon shall be paid from the interest payment date to which interest has been paid as of the date on which such Bonds are authenticated, unless a Bond is authenticated between the Record Date and the interest payment date, in which case the interest shall be paid from such interest payment date.

The BANs or the Bonds may be issued in book-entry-only form as one fully registered BAN or Bond per maturity registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, and DTC may act as securities depository for the BANs or the Bonds. In that event, the purchase of beneficial interests in the BANs or the Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form in the denomination of \$100,000 or more or in the denomination of \$1.00 or any multiple thereof, respectively. Purchasers of beneficial interests will not receive certificates representing their interests in the BANs or the Bonds purchased. As long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the BANs or the Bonds, payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest will be made when due directly to such registered owner in same-day funds wired by the Paying Agent in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations made by the District to DTC.

#### SECTION 4. Redemption of BANs and Bonds.

(a) If deemed appropriate by the President, with the advice of the Municipal Advisor, the BANs shall be prepayable by the District, in whole or in part, on or after the date determined to be most appropriate by the President, with the advice of the Municipal Advisor, upon seven (7) days' notice to the owner of the BANs, without any premium, but with accrued interest to the date of prepayment.

(b) The Bonds are redeemable at the option of the District, but no sooner than ten (10) years after their date of delivery for any Bonds sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, on dates and with premiums as determined at the time of the sale of the Bonds as determined by the President with the advice of the Municipal Advisor on any date, on thirty (30) days notice, in whole or in part, in any order of maturity (or in the case of any Bonds sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, in inverse order of maturity and on sixty (60) days notice) and by lot within a maturity selected by the District, at the par amount thereof, together with a premium not greater than 2%, plus, in each case, accrued interest, if any, to the date fixed for redemption; provided, however if the Bonds are sold to the IFA Program and registered in the name of the Indiana Finance Authority, the Bonds shall not be redeemable at the option of the District unless and until consented by the Indiana Finance



Authority. The exact redemption dates and premiums shall be established by the President, with the advice of the Municipal Advisor.

(c) If any Bond is issued as a term bond, the Paying Agent shall credit against the mandatory sinking fund requirement for the Bonds maturing as term bonds, and corresponding mandatory redemption obligation, in the order determined by the District, any Bonds maturing as term bonds maturing on the same date which have previously been redeemed (other than as a result of a previous mandatory redemption requirement) or delivered to the Registrar for cancellation or purchased for cancellation by the Paying Agent and not theretofore applied as a credit against any redemption obligation. Each Bond maturing as a term bond so delivered or canceled shall be credited by the Paying Agent at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount thereof against the mandatory sinking fund obligation on such mandatory sinking fund date, and any excess of such amount shall be credited on future redemption obligations, and the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed by operation of the mandatory sinking fund requirement shall be accordingly reduced; provided, however, the Paying Agent shall credit only such Bonds maturing as term bonds to the extent received on or before forty-five (45) days preceding the applicable mandatory redemption date.

(d) If less than an entire maturity is called for redemption, the Bonds to be called for redemption shall be selected by lot by the Registrar. If the Bonds are to be redeemed by optional redemption and mandatory sinking fund redemption on the same date, the Registrar shall select the Bonds for mandatory sinking fund redemption before selecting the Bonds for optional redemption.

(e) Notice of redemption shall be given not less than thirty (30) days (or in the case of any Bonds sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, sixty (60) days) prior to the date fixed for redemption for Bonds, unless such redemption notice is waived by the owner of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed. Such notice shall be mailed to the address of the registered owner as shown on the registration record of the District as of the date which is forty-five (45) days (or in the case of any Bonds sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, seventy-five (75) days) prior to such redemption date for Bonds. The notice shall specify the date and place of redemption and sufficient identification of the Bonds called for redemption. The place of redemption may be determined by the District. Interest on the Bonds so called for redemption shall cease on the redemption date fixed in such notice if sufficient funds are available at the place of redemption to pay the redemption price on the date so named.

(f) The BANs and the Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of their minimum authorized denomination. The BANs and the Bonds in denominations of more than the minimum authorized denomination shall be treated as representing the number of BANs and Bonds, respectively, obtained by dividing the denomination of the BAN and the Bond, respectively, by the minimum authorized denomination within a maturity. The BANs and the Bonds may be redeemed in part. In the event of redemption of BANs and Bonds in part, upon surrender of the BAN or the Bond to be redeemed, a new BAN or BANs or Bond or Bonds in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the BAN or the Bond surrendered shall be issued to the registered owner thereof.





SECTION 5. Execution and Authentication of the BANs and the Bonds; Pledge of Net Revenues to the Bonds. The BANs and the Bonds shall be executed in the name of the President by the manual or facsimile signature of the President and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary, who shall affix the seal of the District, if any, to each of the BANs and the Bonds manually or shall have the seal imprinted or impressed, if any, thereon by facsimile. These officials, by the signing of a Signature and No Litigation Certificate, shall adopt as and for their own proper signatures their facsimile signatures appearing on the BANs and the Bonds. The BANs and the Bonds must be authenticated by an authorized officer of the Registrar or by the Secretary if the Secretary is acting as the Registrar. The Bonds, the Prior Bonds, and any additional bonds issued on a parity with the Bonds and the Prior Bonds in accordance with the restrictions imposed by this Ordinance (the "Future Parity Bonds"), as to both principal and interest, shall be payable from and secured by an irrevocable pledge of and shall constitute a first charge upon the Net Revenues of the System. The District shall not be obligated to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, except from the Net Revenues of the System (except to the extent payable from the proceeds of the Bonds), and the Bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness of the District within the meaning of the provisions and limitations of the constitution of the State.

SECTION 6. Form of Bonds. The form and tenor of the Bonds shall be substantially as set forth in Exhibit B, with all blanks to be filled in properly and all necessary additions and deletions to be made prior to delivery thereof.

SECTION 7. Preparation and Sale of BANs and Bonds. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to have the BANs and the Bonds prepared, and the President and the Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the BANs and the Bonds in the form and manner herein provided. The President is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the BANs and the Bonds to the purchasers thereof after the sale made in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, provided that at the time of such delivery, the Secretary shall collect the full amount which the purchasers have agreed to pay therefore, which amount shall not be less than the applicable minimum percentage of the par value of the BANs or the Bonds set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance. The District may receive payment for the BANs and the Bonds in installments. The Bonds, as and to the extent paid for and delivered to the purchaser, shall be the binding special revenue obligations of the District, payable out of the Net Revenues of the System to be set aside into the Sinking Fund as provided herein. The proceeds derived from the sale of the BANs and the Bonds and the investment income therefrom shall be and are hereby set aside and appropriated to pay the costs of the Project, the refunding of the BANs, if applicable, and the expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the issuance of the BANs and the Bonds. The proper officers of the District are hereby directed to draw all proper and necessary warrants, and to do whatever acts and things which may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Bond Sale Notice; Official Statement.

(a) If the BANS or Bonds are to be sold at a competitive sale, the President shall cause to be published either (i) a notice of bond sale in the authorized newspaper(s) for the LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District, two (2) times, at least one week apart, with the first publication being made at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the sale and the second publication being made at least three days before the date of the sale or (ii) a notice of intent to sell bonds in the authorized newspaper(s) and the *Indianapolis Business Journal*, all in accordance



with IC 5-1-11, as amended, and IC 5-3-1, as amended. The notice shall state the character, the amount and the authorized denominations of the Bonds, the maximum rate or rates of interest thereon, the terms and conditions upon which bids will be received and the sale made, and such other information as the Secretary and the attorneys employed by the District shall deem advisable. The notice may provide for electronic bidding as determined by the Municipal Advisor. Any summary notice may contain any information deemed so advisable. The notice may provide, among other things, that the winning bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or a financial surety bond in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the principal amount of the Bonds described in the notice. If a financial surety bond is used, it must be from an insurance company licensed to issue such bond in the State, and such bond must be submitted to the District prior to the opening of the bids. The financial surety bond must identify each bidder whose good faith deposit is guaranteed by such financial surety bond. If the Bonds are awarded to a bidder utilizing a financial surety bond, then the purchaser is required to submit to the District a certified or cashier's check (or wire transfer such amount as instructed by the District) not later than 3:30 p.m. (EST time) on the next business day following the award. In the event the successful bidder shall fail or refuse to accept delivery of the Bonds and pay for the same as soon as the Bonds are ready for delivery, or at the time fixed in the notice of sale, then such good faith deposit and the proceeds thereof shall be the property of the District and shall be considered as its liquidated damages on account of such default. Bidders for the Bonds will be required to name the rate or rates of interest which the Bonds are to bear, not exceeding the maximum rate hereinbefore fixed, and that such interest rate or rates shall be in multiples of one-eighth ( $1/8$ ) of one percent (1%) or one-one hundredth ( $1/100$ ) of one percent (1%). The rate bid on a maturity shall be equal to or greater than the rate bid on the immediately preceding maturity. No conditional bid or bid for less than the applicable minimum percentage of the par value of the Bonds set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance will be considered. The opinion of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana ("Bond Counsel"), approving the legality of the Bonds will be furnished to the purchaser at the expense of the District.

(b) The Bonds shall be awarded by the President to the best bidder who has submitted its bid in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance, IC 5-1-11, as amended, and the notice. The best bidder will be the one who offers the lowest interest cost to the District, to be determined by computing the total interest on all of the Bonds to their maturities and deducting the premium bid, if any, or adding thereto the discount bid, if any. The right to reject any and all bids shall be reserved. If an acceptable bid is not received on the date of sale, the sale may be continued from day to day thereafter without further advertisement for a period of thirty (30) days, during which time, no bid which provides a higher net interest cost to the District than the best bid received at the time of the advertised sale will be considered.

(c) Distribution of an Official Statement (preliminary and final) when and if prepared by the Municipal Advisor, on behalf of the District, is hereby authorized and approved and the President is authorized and directed to execute the Official Statement in a form consistent with this Ordinance. The President and the Secretary are authorized to deem the Preliminary Official Statement as "final" for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(d) As an alternative to public sale, the District may negotiate the sale of one or more series of the Bonds and/or BANs to the Indiana Finance Authority. The President and the Secretary



are hereby authorized to (i) submit an application to the IFA Program, (ii) execute the Financial Assistance Agreement (including any amendment thereof) with the Indiana Finance Authority and (iii) sell one or more series of the Bonds and/or BANs upon such terms as are acceptable to the President and the Secretary consistent with the terms of this Ordinance. The Financial Assistance Agreement (including any amendment thereof) for one or more series of the Bonds and/or BANs and the Project shall be executed by either the authorized officers of the District and the Indiana Finance Authority. The substantially final form of the Financial Assistance Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference) is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees, and the President and the Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Financial Assistance Agreement in a form approved by such officers with such approval to be conclusively evidenced by its execution. The President and the Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver an amended and restated Financial Assistance Agreement or a subsequent Financial Assistance Agreement if an earlier series of Bonds and/or BANs has been purchased by the Indiana Finance Authority and may approve any changes in form or substance to the attached Financial Assistance Agreement as they determined to be necessary or desirable in connection therewith, and such approval shall be conclusively evidenced by its execution.

SECTION 9. Use of Proceeds; Construction Fund. The accrued interest and the premium, if any, received at the time of the delivery of the Bonds shall be deposited in the Sinking Fund (as defined herein). The remaining proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, to the extent not used to refund BANs, and BAN proceeds, shall be deposited in a bank or banks which are legally designated depositories for the funds of the District, in a special account or accounts to be designated as "Sewage Works Construction Fund" (the "Construction Fund"). The funds in each of such special accounts shall be deposited, held, secured or invested in accordance with the laws of the State relating to the depositing, holding, securing or investing of public funds, including particularly IC 5-13, chapters 1 through 4 of IC 5-1.2, IC 5-1.2-10, IC 5-1.2-11, IC 5-1.2-14, IC 5-1.2-14.5, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto. The funds in such special account or accounts shall be expended only for the purpose of paying the costs of issuance of the BANs or the Bonds, the cost of the Project, refunding all or a portion of the BANs, if issued, or as otherwise required by the Act. The cost of obtaining the legal services of Bond Counsel shall be considered a part of the costs of issuance of the BANs and the Bonds.

(a) The District hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse each of the District's advances to the Project from proceeds of the BANs or the Bonds, as anticipated by this Ordinance.

(b) Any balance or balances remaining unexpended in such special account or accounts after completion of the Project, which are not required to meet unpaid obligations incurred in connection with the Project, shall subject to (c) below either (1) be deposited in the Sinking Fund and used solely for the purposes of said Fund or (2) be used for the same purpose or type of project for which the BANs or the Bonds were originally issued, all in accordance with IC 5-1-13, as amended and supplemented.

(c) With respect to any series of Bonds sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, to the extent that (a) the total principal amount of the Bonds is not paid by the purchaser or drawn down by the District, or (b) proceeds remain in the Construction Fund and are not applied to the Project (or any modifications or additions thereto approved by the Indiana Finance Authority), the District



shall reduce the principal amount of the Bond maturities to effect such reduction in a manner that will still achieve as level as annual debt service as practicable as described in Section 2(c) subject to and upon the terms forth in the Financial Assistance Agreement.

SECTION 10. Revenue Fund. All income and revenues derived from the operation of the System (including any System Development Charges) shall be deposited upon receipt in the Sewage Works System Revenue Fund (the "Revenue Fund"). The Revenue Fund shall be maintained separate and apart from all other accounts of the District. All moneys deposited in the Revenue Fund may be invested in accordance with IC 5-13-9, chapters 1 through 4 of IC 5-1.2, IC 5-1.2-10, IC 5-1.2-11, IC 5-1.2-14 and/or IC 5-1.2-14.5 as amended, and other applicable laws. Out of said Revenue Fund, the proper and reasonable expenses of operation and maintenance of the works shall be paid, the principal and interest of all bonds and fiscal agency charges of registrars or paying agents shall be paid, the reserve fund shall be funded and the costs of replacements, extensions, additions and improvements to the System shall be paid. No moneys derived from the revenues of the System shall be transferred to the general fund of the District, be transferred to any fund of the District related to any purpose under the Act other than providing for the collection and treatment of wastewater from the District residents and users ("Non-Sewage Works Purpose") or be used for any purpose not connected with the System.

SECTION 11. Operation and Maintenance Fund. There shall be transferred from the Revenue Fund and credited to the Operation and Maintenance Fund (the "Operation and Maintenance Fund"), on or before the last day of each calendar month a sufficient amount of the revenues of the System so that the balance in the Operation and Maintenance Fund shall be sufficient to pay the expenses of operation, repair and maintenance of the System for the then next succeeding two (2) calendar months. The moneys credited to the Operation and Maintenance Fund shall be used for the payment of the reasonable and proper operation, repair and maintenance expenses of the System on a day-to-day basis, but none of the moneys in such fund shall be used for depreciation, replacements, improvements, extensions or additions. Any monies in the Operation and Maintenance Fund in excess of the expected expenses of operation, repair and maintenance for the next succeeding month may be transferred to the Sinking Fund (defined below) if necessary to prevent a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds.

#### SECTION 12. Sinking Fund.

(a) *General*. There is hereby continued a fund designated as the Sewage Works Bond Fund (herein called the "Sinking Fund") for the payment of principal of, interest on, and premium on, if any, the Bonds, the Prior Bonds and any bonds hereafter issued on a parity therewith, or any other bonds subordinate thereto, and for the payment of any fiscal agency charges in connection with the payment of bonds. After meeting the requirements of the Operation and Maintenance Fund set forth above, there shall be set aside and deposited into the Sinking Fund, as available and as provided below, a sufficient amount of the Net Revenues (including any System Development Charges that are considered Net Revenues) of the System to meet the requirements of the Bond and Interest Account and the Debt Service Reserve Account (each, as defined herein), each of which is continued within the Sinking Fund. Such payments shall continue until the balance in the Bond and Interest Account, plus the balance in the Debt Service Reserve Account, equal the amount necessary to pay the principal of and interest on all the outstanding bonds to the final maturity thereof.





(b) *Bond and Interest Account.* There is hereby continued within the Sinking Fund, the Bond and Interest Account (the "Bond and Interest Account"). There shall be transferred on or before the last day of each calendar month to the Bond and Interest Account an amount of the Net Revenues equal to at least one-sixth (1/6) of the interest on all then outstanding bonds payable from the Net Revenues on the then next succeeding interest payment date, and at least one-sixth (1/6) of the principal of all then outstanding bonds payable on the then next succeeding principal payment date, until the amount of principal and interest payable on the then next succeeding interest and principal payments dates shall have been so credited. There shall similarly be credited to the account any amount necessary to pay the bank fiscal agency charges for paying principal and interest on outstanding bonds as the same become payable. The District shall, from the sums deposited in the Sinking Fund and credited to the Bond and Interest Account, remit promptly to the registered owner or to the bank fiscal agency sufficient moneys to pay the interest and principal on the due dates thereof together with the amount of bank fiscal agency charges.

(c) *Debt Service Reserve Account.* There is hereby continued within the Sinking Fund, the Debt Service Reserve Account ("Debt Service Reserve Account").

Beginning with the first month after the Bonds are delivered, the District shall deposit on or before the last day of each calendar month an amount of Net Revenues into the Debt Service Reserve Account over a period of five (5) years until the balance therein equals but does not exceed the least of (i) the maximum annual debt service on the Bonds, the Prior Bonds and any Future Parity Bonds, (ii) 125% of average annual debt service on the Bonds, the Prior Bonds and any Future Parity Bonds, or (iii) 10% of the proceeds of the Bonds, the Prior Bonds and the Future Parity Bonds (the "Reserve Requirement"); provided, however, if any of the Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority pursuant to its IFA Program, then the Reserve Requirement shall equal the maximum annual debt service on the Bonds, the Prior Bonds and any Future Parity Bonds. The monthly deposits of Net Revenues shall be equal in amount and sufficient to accumulate the Reserve Requirement within five (5) years of the date of delivery of the Bonds. The balance in the Debt Service Reserve Account, allocable to the Bonds, the Prior Bonds and any Future Parity Bonds, shall never exceed the Reserve Requirement. The District may fund all or part of the Debt Service Reserve Account with a debt service reserve surety bond; provided, however, if any of the Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority pursuant to its IFA Program, then the Indiana Finance Authority shall consent to any such use of a surety bond. The surety bond must be issued by an insurance company rated in the highest category by Standard & Poor's Corporation and Moody's Investors Service.

The Debt Service Reserve Account shall constitute a margin for safety and a protection against default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, the Prior Bonds and any Future Parity Bonds and the moneys in the Debt Service Reserve Account shall be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Prior Bonds and any Future Parity Bonds to the extent that moneys in the Bond and Interest Account are insufficient for that purpose. Any deficiency in the balance maintained in the Debt Service Reserve Account shall be promptly made up from the next available Net Revenues after the required deposits into the Bond and Interest Account. In the event moneys in the Debt Service Reserve Account are transferred to the Bond and Interest Account to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Prior Bonds or any Future Parity Bonds, then that depletion of the balance in the Debt Service Reserve Account shall be made up from the next available Net Revenues after the required deposits into the Bond



and Interest Account.

The Sinking Fund (containing the Bond and Interest Account, the Debt Service Reserve Account), or any portion thereof, and the Construction Fund, may be held by one or more financial institutions acceptable to the Indiana Finance Authority as part of its IFA Program, pursuant to terms acceptable to the Indiana Finance Authority. If the Sinking Fund and the accounts therein, or any portion thereof, are so held in trust, the District shall transfer the monthly required amounts of Net Revenues to the Bond and Interest Account, the Debt Service Reserve Account in accordance with Section 12 of this Ordinance, and the financial institution holding such funds in trust shall be instructed to pay the required payments in accordance with the payment schedules applicable to the District's outstanding bonds. If the Construction Fund is so held in trust, the District shall deposit the proceeds of the Bonds therein until such proceeds are applied consistent with this Ordinance and the Financial Assistance Agreement. The financial institution selected to serve in this role may also serve as the Registrar and the Paying Agent for the BANs and the Bonds. The President and Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver an agreement with a financial institution to reflect this trust arrangement for all or a part of the Sinking Fund and the Construction Fund in the form of trust agreement as approved by the President and Secretary, consistent with the terms and provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. Improvement Fund. There is hereby continued a special fund designated as the Improvement Fund (herein called the "Improvement Fund"). In the event any excess revenues exist after all required monthly payments into the Sinking Fund, the Operation and Maintenance Fund or the Debt Service Reserve Account, then any available excess revenues of the System may be deposited into the Improvement Fund, and any amounts so deposited may be used to pay the cost of improvements, betterments, extensions, enlargements and additions to the System, or for any other lawful purpose related to the System, including the payment of the 2012 County Loan. Moneys in the Improvement Fund (i) shall be transferred to the Sinking Fund if necessary to prevent a default in the payment of principal and interest on the then outstanding bonds or, if necessary, to eliminate any deficiencies in credits to or minimum balance in the Debt Service Reserve Account of the Sinking Fund or (ii) may be transferred to the Operation and Maintenance Fund to meet unforeseen contingencies in the operation, repair and maintenance of the System. If any BANs or Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority as part of its IFA Program, so long as any of the BANs or Bonds are outstanding, no monies derived from the revenues of the System shall be transferred to the any general fund of the District or otherwise be used for any purposes not connected with the System.

SECTION 14. Maintenance of Accounts; Investments. The Sinking Fund shall be deposited and maintained as a separate account or accounts from all other accounts of the District. The Operation and Maintenance Fund and the Improvement Fund may be maintained in a single account or separate accounts, but such account or accounts, shall likewise be maintained separate and apart from all other accounts of the District (including without limitation, any funds and accounts relative to any other utility of the District beyond the System) and apart from the Sinking Fund account or accounts. All moneys deposited in the funds and accounts continued by this Ordinance shall be deposited, held and secured as public funds in accordance with the public depository laws of the State; provided that moneys therein may be invested in obligations in accordance with applicable laws, including IC 5-13, chapters 1 through 4 of IC 5-1.2, IC 5-1.2-10, IC 5-1.2-11, IC 5-1.2-14 and/or IC 5-1.2-14.5, as amended or supplemented, and in the event of



such investment, the income therefrom shall become a part of the funds invested and shall be used only as provided in this Ordinance. Nothing in this Section or elsewhere in this Ordinance shall be construed to require that separate bank accounts be established and maintained for the funds and accounts continued by this Ordinance except that (a) the Sinking Fund and Construction Fund shall be maintained as a separate bank account from the other funds and accounts of the System and (b) the other funds and accounts of the System shall be maintained as a separate bank account from the other funds and accounts of the District, including, without limitation, any other funds and accounts for any other utility of the District beyond the System; provided, however, to the extent the District does not maintain separate accounts or subaccounts for the revenues and expenses of the System, it covenants and agrees that it has adopted sufficient accounting and/or bookkeeping practices to accurately track all revenues and expenses of the System.

SECTION 15. Maintenance of Books and Records. The District shall keep proper books of records and accounts, separate from all of its other records and accounts, in which complete and correct entries shall be made showing all revenues collected from the System, all disbursements made on account of the System and all other transactions relating to the System. There shall be furnished, upon written request, to any owner of the Bonds, the most recent audit report of the System prepared by the State Board of Accounts. Copies of all such statements and reports shall be kept on file in the office of the Secretary. If the BANs or the Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, the District shall establish and maintain the books and other financial records of the Project (including the establishment of a separate account or subaccount for the Project) and the System in accordance with (i) generally accepted governmental accounting standards for utilities, on an accrual basis, as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and (ii) the rules, regulations and guidance of the State Board of Accounts; provided, however, to the extent the District does not maintain separate accounts or subaccounts for the revenues and expenses of the System, it covenants and agrees that it has adopted sufficient accounting and/or bookkeeping practices to accurately track all revenues and expenses of the System.

SECTION 16. Rate Covenant. The District covenants and agrees that it will establish and maintain reasonable and just rates and charges for the use of and the service rendered by the System, to be paid by the owner of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected with and uses the System, or that in any way uses or is served by the System, at a level adequate to produce and maintain sufficient revenue (including user and other charges, fees, income or revenues available to the District), provided that System Development Charges shall be excluded, to the extent permitted by law, when determining if such rates and charges are sufficient so long as the Bonds are outstanding and owned by the Indiana Finance Authority as part of its IFA Program, to provide for Operation and Maintenance (as defined in the Financial Assistance Agreement) of the System, to comply with and satisfy all covenants contained in this Ordinance and any Financial Assistance Agreement and to all obligations of the System and of the District with respect to the System including the 2012 County Loan, the Prior Bonds, the Bonds to be issued pursuant to this Ordinance and any hereafter Future Parity Bonds. Such rates and charges shall, if necessary, be changed and readjusted from time to time so that the revenues therefrom shall always be sufficient to meet the expenses of Operation and Maintenance of the System and the requirements of the Sinking Fund or any BANs. The rates and charges so established shall apply to any and all use of the System by and service rendered to the District and shall be paid by the District as the charges accrue.



SECTION 17. Defeasance of Bonds. If: (i) any of the Bonds shall have become due and payable in accordance with their terms or shall have been duly called for redemption or irrevocable instructions to call the Bonds or any portion thereof for redemption shall have been given, and the whole amount of the principal, the premium, if any, and the interest, so due and payable upon all of the Bonds or any designated portion thereof then outstanding shall be paid; or (ii) the District shall cause to be held in trust for the purpose of paying when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds or any designated portion thereof, money, together with direct obligations of (including obligations issued or held in book entry form on the books of) the Department of the Treasury of the United States of America, the principal of and the interest on which when due, will be sufficient, without reinvestment, to make such payments, and provision shall also be made for paying all fees and expenses for the redemption of such Bonds; then and in that case, such Bonds shall no longer be deemed outstanding or entitled to the pledge of the Net Revenues of the System.

SECTION 18. Additional BANs and Bonds. The District reserves the right to authorize and issue additional BANs at any time ranking on a parity with the BANs. The District reserves the right to authorize and issue Future Parity Bonds for the purpose of financing the cost of future additions to, extensions of and improvements to the System, or to refund obligations, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The principal of and interest on all bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the System (including the Prior Bonds, the Bonds to be issued pursuant to this Ordinance and any hereafter Future Parity Bonds) shall have been paid in accordance with the terms thereof, and the amounts required to be paid into the Sinking Fund shall have been made to date in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. The Reserve Requirement shall be satisfied for the Future Parity Bonds either at the time of delivery of the Future Parity Bonds or over a five (5) year or shorter period, in a manner which is commensurate with the requirements established in Section 12(c) of this Ordinance.

(b) The Net Revenues of the System in the fiscal year immediately preceding the issuance of any such Future Parity Bonds shall be not less than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the maximum annual principal and interest requirements of the then outstanding bonds payable from the Net Revenues, the 2012 County Loan and the Future Parity Bonds proposed to be issued; or, prior to the issuance of such Future Parity Bonds, the sewer rates and charges shall be increased sufficiently so that such increased rates and charges applied to the previous year's operations would have produced Net Revenues for such year equal to not less than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the maximum annual principal and interest requirements of the then outstanding bonds payable from the Net Revenues, the 2012 County Loan and the Future Parity Bonds proposed to be issued.

For purposes of this subsection, the records of the System shall be analyzed and all showings shall be prepared by a certified public accountant employed by the District for that purpose. In addition, for purposes of this subsection, with respect to any Future Parity Bonds hereafter issued while the Bonds remain outstanding and owned by the Indiana Finance Authority as part of its IFA Program, Net Revenues shall not include any revenues from the System Development Charges unless the Indiana Finance Authority provides its consent to include all or some portion of the System Development Charges as part of the Net Revenues or otherwise





consents to the issuance of such Future Parity Bonds without satisfying this subsection (b). In addition, for purposes of this subsection, Net Revenues (as such is determined (and included) for the fiscal year immediately preceding the issuance of any such bonds) shall exclude receipts from any assessment of exceptional benefits (which would otherwise be designated herein as Net Revenues) if and to the extent that such are in excess of the amount that any such assessments are irrevocably required pursuant to the Act to fixed and collected for each future fiscal year that such Future Parity Bonds are proposed to be outstanding. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event the District undertakes and establishes any assessment of exceptional benefits in connection with any hereinafter Future Parity Bonds (which would otherwise be designated herein as Net Revenues), it shall not relieve the District from (i) making the monthly deposits in the Sinking Fund in the full amounts required by Section 12(b) and (c) and (ii) causing any such assessment of exceptional benefits to be levied and collected six (6) months in advance of any date on which such will be applied to payment of principal of and interest on such hereinafter Future Parity Bonds.

(c) The principal of, or mandatory sinking fund redemption dates for, the Future Parity Bonds shall be payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1, and interest on the Future Parity Bonds shall be payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1.

(d) If the Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority: (i) the District obtains the consent of the Indiana Finance Authority; (ii) the District has faithfully performed and is in compliance with each of its obligations, agreements and covenants contained in the Financial Assistance Agreement and this Ordinance; and (iii) the District is in compliance with its System permits, except for noncompliance, the elimination of which is a purpose for which the Future Parity Bonds, including any refunding bonds, are issued, so long as such issuance constitutes part of an overall plan to eliminate such noncompliance.

(e) Future Parity Bonds may also be issued to refund less than all of the then outstanding bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance or ranking on a parity therewith, but any such refunding bonds shall be subject to the conditions in this section unless the bonds being refunded mature within three (3) months of the date of such refunding and no other funds are available to pay such maturing bonds. In computing the maximum annual interest and principal requirements pursuant to subsection (b), the interest on and principal of the parity refunding bonds shall be substituted for the interest on and principal of the bonds being refunded. Refunding bonds issued under this subsection (e) shall also be subject to the conditions in subsection (a), (c) and (d).

**SECTION 19. Further Covenants.** For the purpose of further safeguarding the interests of the owners of the BANs and the Bonds, it is specifically provided as follows:

(a) All contracts let by the District in connection with the construction of the Project shall be let after due advertisement as required by the laws of the State, and all contractors shall be required to furnish surety bonds in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of such contracts, to insure the completion of such contracts in accordance with their terms, and such contractors shall also be required to carry such employer's liability and public liability insurance as are required under the laws of the State in the case of public contracts and shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State relating to public contracts.



(b) The Project shall be constructed under the supervision and subject to the approval of the Engineer. All estimates for work done or material furnished shall first be checked by the Engineer and approved by the District.

(c) So long as any of the BANs or the Bonds are outstanding, the District shall at all times maintain the System in good condition and operate the same in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost.

(d) So long as any of the BANs or the Bonds are outstanding, the District shall acquire and maintain insurance on the insurable parts of the system, of a kind and in an amount such as is usually carried by private corporations engaged in a similar type of business. All insurance shall be placed with responsible insurance companies qualified to do business under the laws of the State. As an alternative to maintaining such insurance but only if the Bonds are not sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, the District may maintain a self-insurance program with catastrophic or similar coverage so long as such program meets the requirements of any applicable laws or regulations and is maintained in a manner consistent with programs maintained by similarly situated municipalities. All insurance or self-insurance proceeds or condemnation proceeds shall be used in replacing or restoring the System or, if the Bonds are not sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, shall be deposited in the Sinking Fund.

(e) So long as any of the BANs or the Bonds are outstanding, the District shall not mortgage, pledge or otherwise encumber the property and plant of the System or any portion thereof or any interest therein, and if the BANs or the Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, the District shall not do so, without the prior written consent of the Indiana Finance Authority. The District shall not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any part of the System, except for such machinery, equipment or other property as may be replaced or shall no longer be necessary for use in connection with the System, and if the BANs or the Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, the District shall not do so, without the prior written consent of the Indiana Finance Authority.

(f) Except as otherwise specifically provided in Section 18 hereof, so long as any of the BANs or the Bonds are outstanding, no additional bonds or other obligations pledging any portion of the revenues of the System shall be authorized, executed, or issued by the District, except those as shall be made subordinate and junior in all respects to the Bonds herein authorized, unless the BANs and the Bonds are redeemed or defeased pursuant to Section 4 hereof coincidentally with the delivery of such additional bonds or other obligations.

(g) If the BANs or the Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority and, except as otherwise specifically provided in Section 18 hereof, the District shall not without the prior written consent of the Indiana Finance Authority (i) enter into any lease, contract or agreement or incur any other liabilities in connection with the System other than for normal operating expenditures or (ii) borrow any money (including without limitation any loan from other utilities operated by the District).

(h) The provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a contract by and between the District and the owners of the BANs and the Bonds, all the terms of which shall be enforceable by any holder of the BANs or the Bonds by any and all appropriate proceedings in law or in equity.



After the issuance of the BANs or the Bonds, this Ordinance shall not be repealed, amended or modified in any respect which will adversely affect the rights or interests of the owners of the BANs or the Bonds, nor shall the Board of Trustees or any other body of the District adopt any law, Ordinance or ordinance which in any way materially adversely affects the rights of such owners so long as any of the BANs or the Bonds remain outstanding. Except for the changes set forth in Section 22 (a)(1)-(7) of this Ordinance, this Ordinance may be amended, however, without the consent of the BAN or the Bond owners, if the Board of Trustees determines, in its sole discretion, that such amendment would not materially adversely affect the rights of any of the owners of the BANs or the Bonds; provided, however, that if the BANs or the Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, the District shall obtain the prior written consent of the Indiana Finance Authority.

(i) The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed to create a trust in the proceeds of the sale of the BANs and the Bonds for the uses and purposes set forth herein, and the owners of the BANs and the Bonds shall retain a lien on such proceeds until the same are applied in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and the Act. The provisions of this Ordinance shall also be construed to create a trust in the portion of the Net Revenues herein directed to be set apart and paid into the Sinking Fund or the Improvement Fund for the uses and purposes of such Funds as set forth in this Ordinance. The owners of the BANs and the Bonds shall have all of the rights, remedies and privileges set forth in the provisions of the Act, including the right to have a receiver appointed to administer the System, in the event of default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any of the Bonds. Upon the appointment of such receiver, the receiver may: (i) charge and collect rates sufficient to provide for the payment of the expenses of the operation, repair and maintenance of the System and debt service as provided in the next following clause (ii); (ii) pay the interest on the BANs or the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on any bonds payable from Net Revenues; and (iii) apply the revenues of the System in conformity with the Act and this Ordinance. In addition, any owner of the BANs and the Bonds may, by civil action, protect and enforce rights granted by the Act or under this Ordinance in connection with any action or duty to be performed by the District, the Board of Trustees or any officer of the District, including the making and collecting of reasonable and sufficient charges and rates for services provided by the System.

(j) In addition, any owner of the BANs and the Bonds may, by civil action, protect and enforce rights granted by the Act or under this Ordinance in connection with any action or duty to be performed by the District, the Board of Trustees or any officer of the District, including the making and collecting of reasonable and sufficient charges and rates for services provided by the System as described in this Ordinance.

(k) None of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed as requiring the expenditure of any funds of the District derived from any source other than the proceeds of the BANs, the Bonds or the operations of the System.

(l) The District shall take all actions or proceedings necessary and proper, to the extent permitted by law, to require connection of all property where liquid and solid waste, sewage, night soil or industrial waste is produced with available sanitary sewers. The District shall, insofar as possible, and to the extent permitted by law, cause all such sanitary sewers to be connected with said sewage works.



(m) For the purposes of this Section 19, the term "lease" shall include any lease, contract, or other instrument conferring a right upon the District to use property in exchange for a periodic payments made from the revenues of the System, whether the District desires to cause such to be, or by its terms (or its intended effects) is to be, (i) payable as rent, (ii) booked as an expense or an expenditure, or (iii) classified for accounting or other purposes as a capital lease, financing lease, operating lease, non-appropriation leases, installment purchase agreement or lease, or otherwise (including any combination thereof).

(n) The District represents and warrants for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds that (i) it has not undertaken, and it does not own, maintain, operate or otherwise financially fund or support, any Non-Sewage Works Purpose and (ii) it does not have any existing obligations or liabilities related to any Non-Sewage Works Purpose. The District covenants and agrees for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds that it will not hereafter undertake, and it will not own, maintain, operate or otherwise financially fund or support, any Non-Sewage Works Purpose unless consented in writing in advance by the Indiana Finance Authority so long as it is a holder of any Bonds.

#### SECTION 20. Investment of Funds.

(a) The Secretary is hereby authorized pursuant to IC 5-1-14-3, as amended, to invest moneys pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance (subject to applicable requirements of federal law to insure the yields on such investments are equal to the then current market rates) to the extent necessary or advisable to preserve the exclusion from gross income of interest on the BANs or the Bonds under federal law.

(b) The Secretary shall keep full and accurate records of investment earnings and income from moneys held in the funds and accounts continued by this Ordinance. In order to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance, the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to employ consultants or attorneys from time to time to advise the District as to requirements of federal law to preserve the tax exclusion described above. The Secretary may pay the fees of such consultants or attorneys as operation expenses of the System.

SECTION 21. Tax Covenants. If the event that either the BANs or the Bonds are issued on a tax-exempt basis, in order to preserve the exclusion of interest on the BANs and the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as existing on the date of issuance of the BANs or the Bonds, as the case may be (the "Code"), and as an inducement to the purchasers of the BANs and the Bonds, the District represents, covenants and agrees that:

(a) The use of the System will be based upon arrangements providing for use that is available to the general public on the basis of rates that are generally applicable and uniformly applied, and, to the extent so used, such use shall constitute general public use. No person or entity, other than the District or another state or local governmental unit, will use more than 10% of the proceeds of the BANs or the Bonds or the property financed by the BAN or Bond proceeds, other than in a manner constituting general public use. No person or entity, other than the District or another state or local governmental unit, will own property financed by the BAN or Bond proceeds or will have actual or beneficial use of such property pursuant to a lease, management,





service or incentive payment contract, or any other type of arrangement that conveys other special legal entitlements and differentiates that person's or entity's use of such property from general public use, unless such uses in the aggregate relate to no more than 10% of the proceeds of the BANs or the Bonds, as the case may be. If the District enters into a management contract for all or a portion of the System, the terms of the contract will comply with the Treasury Regulations issued by the United States Department of the Treasury (the "Regulations") and IRS Revenue Procedure 2017-13, and as such may hereafter be further amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time, so that the contract will not give rise to private business use under the Code and the Regulations, unless such use in the aggregate will not relate to more than ten percent (10%) of the proceeds of the BANs or the Bonds.

(b) No more than ten percent (10%) of the principal of or interest on the BANs or the Bonds is (under the terms of the BANs, the Bonds, this Ordinance or any underlying arrangement), directly or indirectly, secured by an interest in property used or to be used for private business use or payments in respect of such property, or to be derived from payments (whether or not to the District or Board of Trustees) in respect of property or borrowed money used or to be used for a private business use.

(c) No more than five percent (5%) of the BAN or Bond proceeds will be loaned to any person or entity other than another state or local governmental unit. No more than five percent (5%) of the BAN or Bond proceeds will be transferred, directly or indirectly, or deemed transferred to a nongovernmental person in any manner that would in substance constitute a loan of the BAN or Bond proceeds.

(d) The District reasonably expects, as of the date hereof, that the BANs and the Bonds will not meet either the private business use test described in paragraphs (a) and (b) above or the private loan test described in paragraph (c) above during the entire term of the BANs and the Bonds.

(e) No more than five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the BANs or the Bonds will be attributable to private business use as described in paragraph (a) above and private security or payments described in paragraph (b) above attributable to unrelated or disproportionate private business use. For this purpose, the private business use test is applied by taking into account only use that is not related to any government use of proceeds of the issues and use that is related but disproportionate to any governmental use of those proceeds.

(f) The District will not take any action nor fail to take any action with respect to the BANs or the Bonds that would result in the loss of the exclusion from gross income for federal tax purposes of interest on the BANs or the Bonds pursuant to Section 103 of the Code, nor will the District act in any other manner which would adversely affect such exclusion.

(g) It shall not be an event of default under this Ordinance if the interest on any BANs or Bonds is not excludable from gross income for federal tax purposes or otherwise pursuant to any provision of the Code which is not currently in effect and in existence on the date of issuance of the BANs or the Bonds, as the case may be.



(h) The District represents that it will rebate any arbitrage profits to the United States of America to the extent required by the Code and the Regulations.

(i) On or before the date of issuance of each series of BANs and the Bonds, the District is hereby authorized to designate all or any portion of such BANs or Bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, if determined appropriate and permissible thereunder, with the advice of Bond Counsel.

(j) If the principal amount of the BANs or the Bonds issued in any one calendar year by the District, together with the aggregate principal amount of all other tax-exempt bonds, notes, lease obligations and other indebtedness or obligations of the District issued or entered into or to be issued or entered into by the District, its subordinate entities and entities that issue any such indebtedness or obligations on behalf of the District, or on behalf of which the District issues any such indebtedness or obligations, within the meaning of and taken into account under Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code, during such calendar year (excluding "private activity bonds" and obligations issued to currently refund tax-exempt obligations to the extent that the principal amount of the refunding obligations does not exceed the principal amount of the refunded obligations), is \$5,000,000 or less, then such BANs or Bonds will be exempt from rebate pursuant to the small issuer exemption set forth in Section 148(f)(4)(D).

(k) These covenants are based solely on current law in effect and in existence on the date of delivery of the BANs or the Bonds, as the case may be.

(l) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, the covenants and authorizations contained in this Ordinance (the "Tax Sections"), which are designed to preserve the exclusion of interest on the BANs and the Bonds from gross income under federal law (the "Tax Exemption"), need not be complied with if the District receives an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that any Tax Section is unnecessary to preserve the Tax Exemption.

## SECTION 22. Amendments with Consent of Bondholders.

(a) Subject to the terms and provisions contained in this Section, and not otherwise, the owners of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding shall have the right, from time to time, anything contained in this Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, to consent to and approve the adoption by the Board of Trustees of such Ordinance or Ordinances supplemental hereto or amendatory hereof, as shall be deemed necessary or desirable by the District for the purpose of modifying, altering, amending, adding to or rescinding in any particular any of the terms or provisions contained in this Ordinance or any supplemental Ordinance; provided, however, that if the BANs or Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, the District shall obtain the prior written consent of the Indiana Finance Authority; and provided, further, that that nothing herein contained shall permit or be construed as permitting:

- (1) An extension of the maturity of the principal of or the due date of interest on any BAN or Bond; or
- (2) A reduction in the principal amount of any BAN or Bond or the redemption premium or the rate of interest thereon; or



- (3) The creation of a lien upon or a pledge of the revenues or Net Revenues of the System ranking prior to the pledge thereof created by this Ordinance; or
- (4) A preference or priority of any BAN or BANs over any other BAN or BANs or of any Bond or Bonds over any other Bond or Bonds; or
- (5) A reduction in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds required for consent to such supplemental Ordinance; or
- (6) A reduction in the Reserve Requirement; or
- (7) The extension of mandatory sinking fund redemption dates for the Bonds, if any.

(b) If the owners of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds outstanding at the time of adoption of such supplemental Ordinance shall have consented to and approved the adoption thereof by written instrument to be maintained on file in the office of the Secretary, no owner of any Bond shall have any right to object to the adoption of such supplemental Ordinance or to object to any of the terms and provisions contained therein or the operation thereof, or in any manner to question the propriety of the adoption thereof, or to enjoin or restrain the Board of Trustees from adopting the same, or from taking any action pursuant to the provisions thereof. Upon the adoption of any supplemental Ordinance pursuant to the provisions of this Section, this Ordinance shall be, and shall be deemed, modified and amended in accordance therewith, and the respective rights, duties and obligations under this Ordinance of the District and all owners of Bonds then outstanding, shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced in accordance with this Ordinance, subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments. Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions of this Ordinance, the rights and obligations of the District and the owners of the Bonds, and the terms and provisions of the Bonds and this Ordinance, or any supplemental Ordinance, may be modified or altered in any respect with the consent of the District and the owners of all the Bonds then outstanding.

SECTION 23. Amendment of Ordinance without Consent of Bondholders. The Board of Trustees may, from time to time, and without the consent of the holders of the BANs or the Bonds, adopt Ordinances supplemental hereto (which supplemental Ordinances shall thereafter form a part hereof) for any one or more of the following purposes; provided, however, that if the BANs or Bonds are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority, the District shall obtain the prior written consent of the Indiana Finance Authority:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission in this Ordinance or in any supplemental Ordinance;
- (b) to grant to or confer upon the owners of the Bonds any additional benefits, rights, remedies, powers, authority or security that may lawfully be granted to or conferred upon the owners of the BANs or the Bonds;
- (c) to modify, amend or supplement this Ordinance to permit the qualification of the BANs or the Bonds for sale under the securities laws of the United States of America or of any of the states of the United States of America or to obtain or maintain bond insurance with respect to payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds;



- (d) to provide for the refunding or advance refunding of the BANs or the Bonds;
- (e) to procure a rating on the Bonds from a nationally recognized securities rating agency designated in such supplemental Ordinance, if such supplemental Ordinance will not adversely affect the owners of the Bonds; or
- (f) any other purpose which in the judgment of the Board of Trustees does not adversely impact the interests of the owners of the Bonds.

#### SECTION 24. Issuance of BANs.

(a) The District, having satisfied all the statutory requirements for the issuance of the Bonds, may elect to issue the BAN or BANs to a financial institution, the Indiana Bond Bank, the State or any other purchaser (if then authorized by State law), pursuant to a Bond Anticipation Note Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Anticipation Note Agreement") to be entered into between the District and the purchaser of the BAN or BANs, but only if such Agreement is deemed necessary by Bond Counsel. If the BANs are sold to the Indiana Finance Authority through the IFA Program, the Financial Assistance Agreement shall serve as the Bond Anticipation Note Agreement. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the issuance and execution of the BAN or BANs in lieu of initially issuing the Bonds to provide interim financing for the Project until permanent financing becomes available and, if deemed appropriate, to refund such BAN or BANs and to pay the costs of issuance of the BANs. It shall not be necessary for the District to repeat the procedures for the issuance of the Bonds, as the procedures followed before the issuance of the BAN or BANs are for all purposes sufficient to authorize the issuance of the Bonds and the use of the proceeds to repay the BAN or BANs.

(b) The President and the Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Bond Anticipation Note Agreement or Financial Assistance Agreement, if any, in such form or substance as they shall approve, acting upon the advice of Bond Counsel. The President and the Secretary may take such other actions or execute and deliver such certificates as are necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance of the BANs or the Bonds and the other documents needed for the financing as any one of them deem necessary or desirable in connection therewith.

SECTION 25. Continuing Disclosure. If necessary in order for the purchaser of the BANs or the Bonds to comply with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule"), the President and the Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the District, (i) an agreement by the District to comply with the requirements for a continuing disclosure undertaking of the District pursuant to subsection (b)(5) or (d)(2) of the Rule, and (ii) amendments to such agreement from time to time in accordance with the terms of such agreement (the agreement and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement"). The District hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. The remedies for any failure of the District to comply with and carry out the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall be as set forth therein.





SECTION 26. Other Actions. The proper officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the District, to execute and deliver any agreement, certificate or other instrument, including without limitation any financial assistance agreement, escrow agreement, continuing disclosure agreement, agreement with any Bond Insurer, agreement with any Rating Service, preliminary official statement or official statement, or take any other action which such officer determines to be necessary or desirable to carry out the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by such officer's having executed such agreement, certificate or other instrument or having taken such other action, and any such agreement, certificate or other instrument heretofore executed and delivered and any such other action heretofore taken are hereby ratified and approved.

SECTION 27. Severability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 28. Headings. The headings or titles of the several sections shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect of this Ordinance.

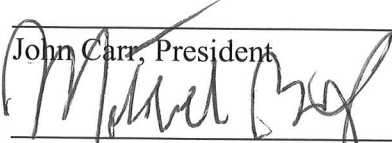
SECTION 29. Conflicting Ordinances. All prior ordinances (including the Original Ordinance) and parts of prior ordinances, except for the Prior Ordinance, insofar as they are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 30. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and compliance with the procedures required by law.




Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees for the LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District on the 7 day of April, 2025.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAPORTE  
COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER  
DISTRICT

  
John Carr, President

  
Mitch Bishop, Vice-President

  
Jerry Jackson, Secretary

  
Marcella Kunstek, Treasurer

  
Amanda Lahners, Board Member

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Mark Danielson, Board Member

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Dalia Zygas, Board Member

Attest:

  
Jerry Jackson, Secretary



## **SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITS**

EXHIBIT A - Project Description

EXHIBIT B - Form of Bond

EXHIBIT C - Form of Financial Assistance Agreement



## **EXHIBIT A**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

#### **HUDSON/SAUGANY SANITARY SEWER PROJECT**

The proposed project will include:

- An expansion of the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) at the Travel Plaza #3 from 0.08 MGD to 0.29 MGD. The expansion will be constructed with the existing facility under operation.
- The WWTP significant upgrade will necessitate the addition of headworks and sludge dewatering, in addition to upgrades to the chemical, UV disinfection, blower, and back-up power systems. The site will be expanded to accommodate the larger footprint of the WWTP.
- A low pressure sewer system serving the communities around Hudson Lake and Saugany Lake.
- Two new pump stations on the north side of the Service Areas to convey the wastewater through 4.5 miles of force main to the WWTP. Most of this force main will be located within an established easement within the southern boundary of the Toll Road.





**EXHIBIT B**

**FORM OF BOND**

**(Attached)**



No. 20\_\_R-\_\_

[Unless this Bond (as defined below) is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York Corporation ("DTC"), to the LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District, or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Bond issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.]

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF LAPORTE

**LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT  
SEWAGE WORKS REVENUE BOND, SERIES 20\_\_**

Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue Date	Authentication Date	[CUSIP]
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[See Exhibit A]      [See Exhibit A]

Registered Owner:

Principal Sum:

The LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District (the "District"), in LaPorte County, State of Indiana, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above or registered assigns, solely out of the special revenue fund hereinafter referred to, the Principal Sum specified above[, or so much thereof as may be advanced from time to time and be outstanding as evidenced by the records of the Registered Owner making payment for this Bond (as defined below), or its assigns,] on [the Maturity Date set forth above] or [(unless this Bond is subject to and shall have been duly called for redemption and payment as provided for herein)], and to pay interest hereon until the Principal Sum shall be fully paid at the Interest Rate per annum specified above from the interest payment date to which interest has been paid next preceding the Authentication Date of this Bond, unless this Bond is authenticated after the fifteenth day of the month preceding an interest payment date and on or before such interest payment date, in which case it shall bear interest from such interest payment date, or unless this Bond is authenticated on or before \_\_\_\_\_ 15, 20\_\_, in which case it shall bear interest from the Original Issue Date, which interest is payable semiannually on the first days of January 1 and July 1 of each year, beginning on \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 20\_\_. Interest shall be calculated according to a 360-day calendar year containing twelve 30-day months.

[The principal of and premium, if any, on this Bond is payable at the principal office of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Registrar" or the "Paying Agent"), in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Indiana.] All payments of [principal of, premium, if any, and] interest on this Bond shall be paid



by check mailed one business day prior to the interest payment date on the due date or, if such due date is a day when financial institutions are not open for business, on the business day immediately after such due date to the Registered Owner hereof, as of the fifteenth day of the month preceding such payment, at the address as it appears on the registration books kept by the [Secretary of the District (the "Registrar" or the "Paying Agent") in the District] [Registrar]. [If payment of principal or interest is made to a depository, payment shall be made by wire transfer on the payment date in same-day funds. If the payment date occurs on a date when financial institutions are not open for business, the wire transfer shall be made on the next succeeding business day. The Paying Agent shall wire transfer payments so such payments are received at the depository by 2:30 p.m. (New York District time).] All payments on the District's Sewage Works Revenue Bonds, Series 20\_\_ (the "Bonds"), shall be made in any coin or currency of the United States of America, which on the dates of such payment, shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

This Bond shall not constitute an indebtedness of the District within the meaning of the provisions and limitations of the constitution of the State, and the District shall not be obligated to pay this Bond or the interest hereon except from the special fund provided from the Net Revenues (herein defined as the gross revenues of the System (herein defined as the District's System, including all real estate, equipment and appurtenances thereto used in connection therewith, and all extensions, additions and improvements thereto and replacements thereof, now or at any time hereafter constructed or acquired) , inclusive of System Development Charges (as defined in the Ordinance), remaining after the payment of the reasonable expense of operation, repair and maintenance of the System) and shall rank on parity with the Prior Bonds (as defined in the Ordinance) and senior to the payment of the 2012 County Loan (as defined in the Ordinance).

This Bond is one of an authorized series of Bonds of like tenor and effect, except as to numbering, interest rates per annum and dates of maturity, in the total amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) lettered and numbered consecutively from 20\_\_ R-1 and upward, issued for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of the acquisition of, and the construction and installation of certain improvements to, the System, including, without limitation, the acquisition and installation of necessary equipment therefor and the making of other site improvements related thereto (the "Project"), [to refund interim notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds (the "BANs")] and to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds [and the BANs], as authorized by an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees for the District on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, entitled "AN AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SEWAGE WORKS SYSTEM OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT, THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE THE COST THEREOF, THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH SYSTEM, THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS OF SUCH REVENUE BONDS AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH BONDS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith" (the "Ordinance"), and in strict compliance with the provisions of IC 13-26, as in effect on the issue date of this Bond (the "Act"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the same meanings as ascribed to them in the Ordinance.



Pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinance and the Act, the principal of and interest on this Bond, the Prior Bonds, all other Bonds, and any bonds hereafter issued ranking on a parity therewith (collectively, the "Bonds"), are payable solely from a sinking fund continued by the Ordinance (the "Sinking Fund") to be funded from the Net Revenues of the System (herein defined as the gross revenues, inclusive of System Development Charges (as defined in the Ordinance), after deduction only for the payment of reasonable expenses of operation, repair, and maintenance), except to the extent payable from the proceeds of the Bonds.

The District irrevocably pledges the entire Net Revenues of the System to the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and covenants that it will cause to be fixed, maintained and collected such rates and charges for service rendered by the System as are sufficient in each year for the payment of Operation and Maintenance (as defined in the Financial Assistance Agreement) of the System and for the payment of the sums required to be paid into the Sinking Fund under the provisions of the Act and the Ordinance. The rates and charges shall be established, to the extent permitted by law, to produce Net Revenues sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the Bonds. If the District or the proper officers of the District shall fail or refuse to so fix, maintain and collect such rates or charges, or if there shall be a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds when due, the owner of this Bond shall have all of the rights and remedies provided for in the Act and the Ordinance, including the right to have a receiver appointed to administer the System (but only in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of or the interest on the Bonds when due), and, by civil action, to protect and enforce rights granted by the Act or under the Ordinance in connection with any action or duty to be performed by the District, the Board of Trustees or any officer of the District, including the making and collecting of reasonable and sufficient charges and rates for services provided by the System.

The District further covenants that it will set aside and pay into the Sinking Fund a sufficient amount of the Net Revenues to pay: (a) the principal of and interest on all Bonds, as such principal and interest shall come due; (b) the necessary fiscal agency charges for paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds; and (c) an additional amount to create and maintain the debt service reserve required by the Ordinance. Such required payments shall constitute a first charge upon all the Net Revenues of the System, on a parity with the Prior Bonds and senior to the payment of the 2012 County Loan.

The Bonds maturing on and after \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, are redeemable at the option of the District on \_\_\_\_\_ or any date thereafter, on [thirty (30)][sixty (60)] days' notice, in whole or in part, in [any][inverse] order of maturity selected by the District and by lot within a maturity, at face value, [together with the following premiums:

\_\_\_\_% if redeemed on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ or thereafter  
on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_% if redeemed on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ or thereafter  
on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_% if redeemed on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, or thereafter  
prior to maturity;

plus in each case accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption; provided, however if the Bonds are sold to the IFA Program and registered in the name of the Indiana Finance Authority, the Bonds





shall not be redeemable at the option of the District unless and until consented by the Indiana Finance Authority.

[The Bonds maturing on \_\_\_\_\_, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest, on January 1 and July 1 in the years and in the amounts set forth below:

Year	Amount
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\*Final Maturity.]

[In the event the Bonds are to be redeemed by optional redemption and mandatory sinking fund redemption on the same date, the Registrar shall select by lot the Bonds for mandatory sinking fund redemption before selecting the Bonds by lot for optional redemption.]

Notice of redemption shall be mailed to the address of the Registered Owner as shown on the registration record of the District, as of the date which is [forty-five (45)][seventy-five (75)] days prior to such redemption date, not less than [thirty (30)][sixty (60)] days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The notice shall specify the date and place of redemption and sufficient identification of the Bonds called for redemption. The place of redemption may be determined by the District. Interest on the Bonds so called for redemption shall cease on the redemption date fixed in such notice, if sufficient funds are available at the place of redemption to pay the redemption price on the date so named.

[The Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of [\$1,000][\$1.00]. The Bonds in denominations of more than [\$1,000][\$1.00] shall be treated as representing the number of Bonds obtained by dividing the denomination of the Bond by [\$1,000][\$1.00] within a maturity.] The Bonds may be redeemed in part. In the event of the redemption of the Bonds in part, upon surrender of the Bond to be redeemed, a Bond or Bonds in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond surrendered shall be issued to the Registered Owner.

If this Bond shall not be presented for payment or redemption on the date fixed therefor, and the District shall have deposited in trust with [the Paying Agent] [its depository bank], an amount sufficient to pay this Bond or the redemption price, as the case may be, then the Registered Owner shall thereafter look only to the funds so deposited in trust with [the Paying Agent] [such depository bank] for payment and the District shall have no further obligation or liability with respect thereto.

This Bond is transferable or exchangeable only upon the books of the District kept for that purpose at the office of the Registrar, by the Registered Owner hereof in person, or by its attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender of this Bond, together with a written instrument of transfer or exchange satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the Registered Owner or its attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a fully registered Bond or Bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity, shall be executed and delivered in the name



of the transferee or transferees or to the Registered Owner, as the case may be, in exchange therefore. [Except as otherwise provided in the Disclosure Agreement described below, the] [The] District, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may treat and consider the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes including for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal hereof, premium, if any, and interest due hereon.

The Bonds maturing in any one year are issuable only in fully registered form in the denomination of [\$1,000][\$1.00] or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in such year.

[All of the Bonds have been designated [or deemed designated] as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.]

THE REGISTERED OWNER, BY THE ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, HEREBY AGREES TO ALL THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE ORDINANCE. This Bond is subject to defeasance prior to redemption or payment as provided in the Ordinance. The Ordinance may be amended without the consent of the owners of the Bonds as provided in the Ordinance if the Board of Trustees for the District determines, in its sole discretion, that the amendment shall not materially adversely affect the rights of any of the owners of the Bonds.

[Reference is hereby made to the Financial Assistance Agreement, as amended from time to time, between the District and the Indiana Finance Authority as to certain terms and covenants pertaining to the Project and this Bond (the “Financial Assistance Agreement”).]

[A Continuing Disclosure Agreement dated as of the Original Issue Date (the “Disclosure Agreement”) has been executed by the District for the benefit of each registered or beneficial owner of any Bond. A copy of the Disclosure Agreement is available from the District and its terms are incorporated herein by reference. The Disclosure Agreement contains certain covenants of the District to each registered or beneficial owner of any Bond, including a covenant to provide continuing disclosure of certain annual financial information and notices of the occurrence of certain events, if material. By its payment for and acceptance of this Bond, the Registered Owner and any beneficial owner of this Bond assents to the Disclosure Agreement and to the exchange of such payment and acceptance for such covenants.]

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required to be done precedent to and in the preparation and completion of the execution, issuance and delivery of this Bond have been done and performed in regular and due form as provided by law.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been executed by [an authorized representative] of the Registrar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District has caused this Bond to be executed in its corporate name and on its behalf by the manual or facsimile signature of its President, have its corporate seal affixed hereunto, imprinted or impressed by any means, and be attested manually or by facsimile by its Secretary.



LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER  
AND WATER DISTRICT

[SEAL]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary



## REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

It is hereby certified that this Bond is one of the Bonds described in the Ordinance.

[\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, as Registrar]

[\_\_\_\_\_,  
as Registrar]

By  
Authorized Representative]

### ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in this Bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM	as tenants in common
TENT ENT	as tenants by the entireties
JT TEN	as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common
UNIF TRAN	
MIN ACT	Custodian
	(Cust) (Minor)
	under Uniform Transfers to Minors Act of

(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used although not in the list above





## ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print or typewrite name, address and social security or other identifying number of the assignee and insert number for the first named transferee if held by joint account) the within Bond and all rights hereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, as attorney to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for the registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED OWNER:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears on the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever. When assignment is made by a guardian, trustee, executor or administrator, an officer of a corporation or anyone in a representative capacity, proof of authority to act must accompany this assignment.

Signature guaranteed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution as defined in SEC Rule 17Ad-15 (17 CFR 240.17Ad-15) participating in a Securities Transfer Association recognized signature guarantee program.



**EXHIBIT A**  
**LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT**  
**SEWAGE WORKS REVENUE BOND, SERIES 20\_\_\_\_\_**

Year

Principal Amount



**EXHIBIT C**  
**FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**  
**(Attached)**

