

LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2025

2:00 P.M.

Time and Place:

The LaPorte County Regional Sewer & Water District monthly board meeting was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Central Time, at 809 State Street, Room #3, LaPorte, IN 46350 and by Zoom Meeting, Login:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82015295897?pwd=SjllK0FsYnFzM3B5TFZxNUsxQ0xvdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 1529 5897 Password: 060992

A. Call to Order

Marcella Kunstek called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

C. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Those present included the following: Corey Campbell, Mark Danielson, Marcella Kunstek, Jerry Jackson, and Amanda Lahners

D. Public Hearing

There were no public comments.

E. Bid Opening for Hudson/Saugany Waste Water Treatment

Contract A

- Grimmer Construction total base bid of \$6,125,938.00 and no total voluntary alternate bid #1
- TGB Unlimited total base bid of \$4,403,906.00 and no total voluntary alternate bid# 1
- LGS Plumbing total base bid of \$5,443,624.00 and no total voluntary alternate bid #1.
- Selge Construction total base bid of \$4,655,790.00 and no total voluntary alternate bid #1.

Contract B

- Selge Construction total base bid of \$2,930,685.00
 - Total mandatory alternate bid #1 of \$367,686.00
 - Total mandatory alternate bid #2 of \$198,321.00
 - Total mandatory alternate bid #3 of \$189,303.00
 - Total mandatory alternate bid #4 of \$317,516.00
 - Total mandatory alternate bid #5 of \$247,028.00

Marcella Kunstek thanked the contractors for their bids and indicated the bids will be taken under advisement. JPR will review the bids and will provide a report at Tuesday's, March 25, regular board meeting.

F. First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Sewer Rate Ordinance

It was agreed upon to read the title only for the Ordinance. Barry McDonnell stated the Ordinance is the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Sewer Rate Ordinance 2024-01 and establishes a schedule of rates and charges to be collected by the District from the owner's property served or to be served by the District's Hudson and Saugany Lakes Wastewater System, Phase 1 project. There is a time constraint if the Board decides to move forward with this project in order to close on the loan with SRF. In order to meet the tight timeframe, a not-to-exceed rates were developed and published. For the benefit of the Board and the public, the rates that the Board reviewed, i.e., for a single family dwelling, would be a not-to-exceed rate of \$120.00 per month. If the decision is to move forward at the next meeting, then at the April 7 special meeting, it will be for the second and adoption of the Ordinance, with the actual numbers will be available.

Steve Carter stated that the plan is for the JPR team to review the bids and will then get with him to confirm the bids. May have to give a tiered analysis of some alternatives depending on the Contract B alternatives.

Marcella Kunstek inquired what the Engineer's estimate was. Dan Byam stated Contract A estimate was \$4.5M and Contract B base bid estimate was \$2.5 M.

Marcella Kunstek made a motion to move the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Sewer Rate Ordinance to the April 7, Special meeting. Mark Danielson seconded the motion. All those were in favor. The motion unanimously carried.

G. Adjournment

Marcella Kunstek made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jerry Jackson. All were in favor. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 P.M.