

WELLS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2020

Board members present:

Mike Mossburg
Leon Berning
L.A. Brown
Bruce Stinson
Andy Stoller

Nate Rumschlag, County Engineer
Mark Burry, Miller Burry & Brown

Call to Order

Mike called the meeting to order with a prayer and pledge.

Approval of Minutes

Leon motioned that the board approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Andy. Motion carried 5-0.

Payment of Claims / Reconciliation of Claims

Nate had no claims to present for the month. No vote was taken by the board. Ledger balance is \$6,182.09.

Presentation of Bluffton Treatment Agreement

Mike turned the meeting over to Mark Burry to review the proposed treatment agreement revisions since the last meeting.

Mark pointed out that the board has revised the agreement duration to 45-years at the request of RCAP to maintain eligibility for USDA-RD funding.

The plan now includes exhibits for the interconnection point, service area and the overall reserve area that allows the City first rights to sewer areas immediately around the City. The ownership of the force main up to the connection was reviewed as well as the annexation provisions that allow for but does not mandate transfer of infrastructure.

LA Brown asked why pump rate was used rather than flow rate. Following some discussion, it was decided that the words were used interchangeably within the agreement.

Andy asked about the IURC appeal process on page 12. Mark said it was a way to use the IURC to assist in any future disputes.

Board then discussed the City reserved service area and concerns about service and potential for the City to serve these customers. Board discussed the waiver clause and that during future connection discussions the reserved service area will likely change as details of connections are determined.

Leon asked who initiated the changes to the Murray Area and why are we forcing people to connect along CR 350 North?

Nate reviewed the why for adding this area, and admitted that he asked Ryan to see how feasible this was due to the discussion with BCS Management that the remaining area of Murray was not a strong standalone district area. The poor soils in that area as well as it being fairly developed already make it better for planning. Leon asked if there were complaints about the area? Nate responded that the Health Department doesn't tend to receive formal complaints as they require a signature and neighbors tend not to report on each other. LA Brown responded that he

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would recommend adding the area as he knows there are drainage problems to the ^{EAST}west due to this and suspects that many of the systems are not functioning along the route.

Board then discussed the option of how to get better records of complaints and how could that be done.

Mark commented the agreement will have the following changes per the discussion:

Per connection EDU fees rather than a flat estimated number

Add ISDH as one of the sources for liability in addition to IDEM

Correct the connection point reference in the body of the text to 250 North

Andy commented that by just leaving the buy-in as is the district holds a reserve capacity to entice future connections.

Leon asked if the City could move forward with their project without our project? Nate responded with yes. Leon then asked the board if they should consider holding off on the Murray area until additional areas could be added.

LA Brown – If I were the contractor on the Murray project, I would want to include the homes along 350 North.

Mark commented that a new public hearing may be needed since the Murray service area is changing to the east and north.

Leon, How much capacity does the City have?

Nate, based upon our discussions they have more than enough reserve capacity for all of the potential service areas so long as the City continues to eliminate stormwater infiltration.

BCS Management

BCS Management was unable to attend.

Board Comments

Mike then opened the floor for a motion regarding the treatment agreement.

LA Brown made a motion to have Mark move the agreement forward with the revisions discussed. Motion was seconded by Leon. Motion carried 5-0.

Mark commented that he would make the changes and send it over to Tony and the City.

Motion was made by Andy to have Nate request proposals for the Amended PER for the Murray service area and get quotes for development of a PER for both Craigville and Liberty Center. Motion was seconded by Bruce. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Comments

No further comments.

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Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

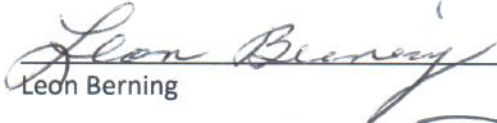
Motion to adjourn – Andy, motion 2nd by Leon. Meeting adjourned. 5-0

Next meeting was rescheduled for April 13th at the regular time.

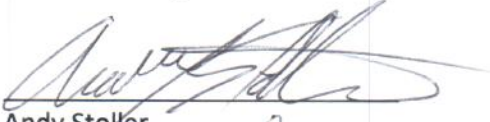
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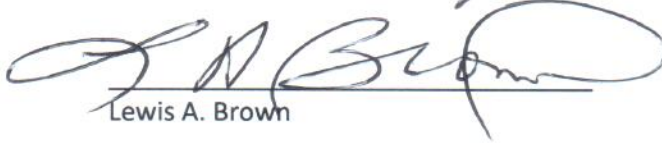
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