

WELLS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 27, 2020

**Board members present:**

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

Nate Rumschlag, County Engineer  
Mark Burry, Miller Burry & Brown ~~(By Phone)~~

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Nate presented the minutes to the board from the last meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Leon, seconded by Bruce. Motion carried 5-0.

**Payment of Claims / Reconciliation of Claims**

Nate discussed a claim that had been paid to the Bluffton News Banner and that there were no new claims since the Amstutz Insurance. Board reviewed the check ledger with no vote to approve.

**Presentation of Bluffton Treatment Agreement**

Mark Burry reviewed the recent changes to the treatment agreement for the board. A copy of the agreement is included in the record. Mark reviewed the latest issues such as notices to users of the future sewer use ordinance and constituents of concern that would violate the RSD agreement with Bluffton.

Bruce asked who sets the timeframe for connections with our project? Mark responded that the RSD board would set the schedule.

Mark then reviewed the updated rates and how the board can amend the agreement with future services areas. Andy asked how the reserved service area affects our potential for future connections. Mark outlined that the city reserved service area is subject to the City and the City does have the opportunity to waive its rights to the areas within the limits and the limits may change as other projects areas are developed and connection points are defined.

Board then reviewed the pumping rates and the increases of the buy-in fee.

Leon asked if with the agreement established, are we able to estimate the user rates? Nate responded that no, until we know more about the financing and loan subsidization the potential rate is still unknown.

LA Brown asked when do we need to have our next public hearing? Board discussed the possible schedule and locations. Following the discussion LA Brown asked that the board put the discussion of the next public hearing on the schedule for the next board meeting.

Mark then reviewed the cost elements including the treatment rate, the Buy-in rate, capacity fee and monthly service charge. Mark noted that all of these fees and rates were developed by Baker Tilly.

Mike opened the floor for a motion on the treatment agreement. Bruce made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Motion was seconded by L.A. Brown. The motion carried 5-0. Mark passed the agreement around for signatures.

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**Operating Loan Agreement**

Mike opened the floor for discussion by the board regarding a line of credit with the County Council to allow the district to proceed with the project areas.

Nate reviewed the project costs for the board and what the RSD would need to cover with the loan from Council. Mark Burry presented a draft ordinance and promissory note form that he would recommend the county consider during the June council meeting. Mark reviewed the draft and Nate asked the board if they wanted Mark and Nate to present the request to Council during their next meeting?

Andy made the motion to have Mark and Nate request the line of credit of the county council on behalf of the RSD. Motion was seconded by Bruce. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board Comments**

The board had no further comments following discussion of the treatment agreement.

**Attorney Comments**

No further comments from Mark.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

Motion to adjourn – Leon, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. Meeting adjourned. 5-0

Next meeting was scheduled for June 8th at the regular time.

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Mike Mossburg

  
Leon Berning

(Absent)  
Andy Stoller

  
Lewis A. Brown

  
Bruce Stinson