

WELLS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 13, 2021

**Board members present:**

Mike Mossburg  
Leon Berning  
Jon Oman  
Bruce Stinson  
Andy Stoller

Lewis Brown, RSD Superintendent  
Nate Rumschlag, County Engineer  
Mark Burry, Attorney  
Ryan Lefeld, Choice One Engineering

**Call to Order**

Mike called the meeting to order with the pledge and prayer by Andy.

**Approval of Minutes**

Board reviewed the minutes as presented from August 9th meeting. Motion by Leon to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. Motion carried 5-0.

**Review of Claims and Account Reconciliation**

Review of claims prepared by Trent and reviewed by Leon for the board. Trent's report totals balance of district's claims for \$12,350.84. Motion to approve the claims by Bruce and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon. Motion carried 5-0.

**Superintendent Report**

Lewis commented the army worms are out and causing damage to properties around our project. He and Allen are warning the public so people don't blame our project for damages to yards.

Lewis is asking VTF to add more traffic control signage along SR 116. Recommends that Ryan review and verify the plan. Lewis also asked about the lack of silt fence along the job.

Gravity sewer will be done in Murray in the next 2 weeks. Liberty Center start date is still not set.

Lewis recommended filing liens on the rental properties. Lewis told the board that notices about late payments went out with the last bill.

Mike – I want to break out the properties in differing situations.

Jon – Being quicker with liens or shutoffs makes for a smaller hole for home owners.

Andy – we have all followed the book and sent multiple notices to those on the list.

Mark – Either you should file all or none. Trying to differentiate customers you may cause trouble.

Nate – the letter that went out last month included that liens would be filed through the next billing.

LA & Mark – commented that they could pull a new aged billing report.

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**Engineering Reports**

Ryan is going to speak with VTF owner to find the start date on Liberty Center. He reminded the board that we have a contractual end date.

Andy & Leon – We were told this was to be run concurrently.

Ryan commented that he will have 2 PER resolutions for future phases and they will be ready to send the end of this week.

Crews will be boring for geotechnical review this week on the phase 2 project sites. Archeology is already underway. He already has the gravity sewer layout complete and is working on the final forcemain routes. Design work is on schedule for the next phase release date.

Lewis commented that he was happy with Allen and has never seen him sitting around. Wessler has always been on site watching work progressing.

**Attorney Comments**

Mark presented the following:

Resolution 2021-06 – Preliminary Engineering Acceptance Resolution. Motion to adopt by Andy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution 2021-07 – SRF Loan Program Signatory Resolution. Motion to adopt as presented by Bruce and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leon. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2021-08 – Designation of Signatory Authorization. Resolution named individuals Mike, Leon, Andy to sign on behalf of the board for project 2. Motion to adopt by Jon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2021-09 – Banking Resolution to add Trent Bucher and Bruce Stinson to sign and view banking records along with Mike and Leon. Motion to adopt by Leon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon. Motion carried 5-0.

Mark said they have no new information from SRF.

Ryan asked for an authorization request for SRF reimbursement request and to authorize the board president to sign and file. Motion by Jon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. Motion carried 5-0.

Leon and Nate will be at the next council meeting to discuss the project status.

**Board Comments**

No further board comments.

**Public Comments**

Pat Henly – Tocsin & Kingsland area, what is your status?

Ryan – we are waiting on utility coordination to finalize the FM location to those sites.

Pat – Is it safe to say that the rate is dependent upon funds from SRF?

Nate – responded and explained how the rate was established and why they need the SRF grant totals.

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Richard Jackson – asked why he has not gotten paperwork on the 350 North properties and the 3.73 acre site.

Dave Burke – Tocsin & Kingsland, he has 3 properties near that line and is on board with the project. Wants to connect 3 properties to the project and to be included.

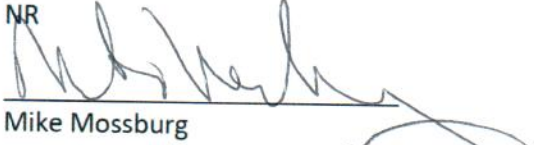
Board discussed the connection options for his parcel. Ryan commented that the US 224 route is almost certainly the route for Tocsin due to number of connections.

Lewis mentioned that he is planning to attend the RSD meeting in Fort Wayne next month.

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

Next meeting is on October 18th due to the Columbus Day holiday but will start at the regular time.

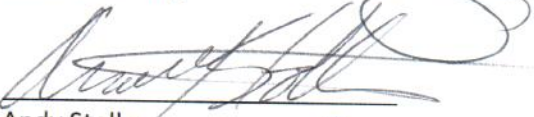
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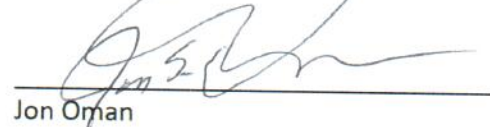
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