

WELLS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 2022

**Board members present:**

Mike Mossburg  
Leon Berning  
Jon Oman  
Andy Stoller  
Bruce Stinson

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting by Leon. Motion was 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. The report showed total of 8 checks for approval. Claims included general obligation payments, in addition to two salary checks to Lewis Brown were approved, totaling \$8,860.61.

Motion to approve the claims by Jon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andy. Motion carried 5-0.

**Superintendent Report**

We have 81 connections completed. Contractors are busy but there are only 3 working on connections now.

Lewis commented that he has had multiple complaints about the landscaping and that the work is not per spec.

Andy asked if there were ways to hold back money?

Mark asked for a copy of the landscaping spec to review the contracted standard.

Lewis referenced the email from Aaron of VTF and that the stockpile left by VTF is left for the owners.

Leon suggested that prior to the next board meeting the other board members visit the project area and check with Lewis on any other updates.

There is a service connection check valve that appears to have failed, and VTF has said they will be fixing tomorrow.

The 90-day connection window is up in the next few days, but these customers are not the ones making public comments.

VTF performed the preconstruction video for Craigville. There were 6 people that refused access to VTF.

Lewis – commented that this communication will be better as we are planning to have regular project meetings.

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Leon asked how many liens have been filed. Lewis responded that he had not filed any yet but would be meeting with Carla for updates.

Lewis recommended that the board did not start the interim rate until work can start and stay active 4 days a week. Lewis will meet with Brandon Scherer on the electrical services for Craigville.

Lewis will need a new phone and needs to sync it with the pump station. We also have a U-store unit rented and will need to get spare grinders in the unit.

**Engineering Reports**

Ryan has heard the complaints about the restoration and Aaron is asking for addresses of the homes to help track the work. Aaron is telling Ryan that the work will be done.

Pay app was received but is not ready to submit.

Craigville has about 6,000 feet of force main pipe and grinders are ordered with about a 3-week lead time.

Permitting is in place for phase 3 except for stormwater. Plans will be done the end of August. Mainline easements will be over to Mark this month.

Lewis – What we need to know from Aaron is when he thinks the landscaper is done.

Ryan – Aaron has been saying the landscaper is not done.

Lewis – the landscaping work that is not right needs reseeded. I was instructed to send out an email with the homeowner's address, but how should I deal with the upset homeowner thinking the work is complete?

Ryan – I say test VTF on this. If you are not satisfied, they are responding to the addresses then you could withhold approval on pay applications.

Board continued discussion of the landscaping.

Andy asked when we think generators will be available for delivery. Ryan responded that it is possibly 3 months out.

Lewis commented that the Mission system does not warn him until he gets a new phone. It sends out emails now.

Ryan presented the Norfolk & Southern Railroad crossings permit form. Ryan requested the board approve a \$2,500 per crossing permit fee.

Mike Mossberg asked why are they bleeding us for 3 crossings?

After some discussion Andy made a motion to proceed and approve the permit fees for \$7,500. The motion was seconded by Bruce. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Mike Mossburg abstaining.

Lewis asked if we have the meeting schedule on the website. Andy commented yes.

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**Attorney Comments**

Mark presented the Disbursements requests for phase 1

#52– Pay application #9 for Liberty Center to VTF - \$318,607

#53– Choice One – Record Drawings / Survey - \$1,451

#54– Wessler Engineering - \$23,048

Remaining funds in Phase 1 total \$946,436.

Lewis is planning to buy 6 grinder stations for stock.

Disbursement request form was passed around for approval. Motion to approve by Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leon. Motion carried 5-0

Mark presented the Disbursements requests for phase 2

#13– Wessler Engineering - \$924.00

#14– Choice One Engineering–\$10,520

Disbursement request form was passed around for approval. Motion to approve by Andy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon. Motion carried 5-0

Phase 3 project is on track and you may need to have a special meeting on the rate ordinance when the time arrives.

A separate informational meeting should be scheduled to get owner information list. Need to get with the Health Department.

**Board Comments**

Board had no further comments

**Public Comments**

Darrell Lambert commented that he provided to the board a project history and photographs of his property. He wanted to point out to the board that VTF has been working well outside of the easement.

Can we as customers contact VTF, or do we need to contact you and the RSD? Lambert gave his letter to Mike Mossburg.

Mike commented that the work is not done until it is done.

Sheila Brown from Craigville asked if she needed a grinder for her property. It was determined that she was in the town and would not need a grinder.

Leon them commented that there have been 9 donations totaling \$5,500. There has only been one application for assistance.

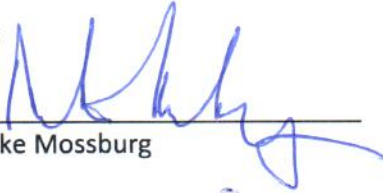


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Motion to adjourn – Bruce, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon. Meeting adjourned. 5-0


Next meeting will be a board meeting proposed for September 12, 2022, at the regular time.

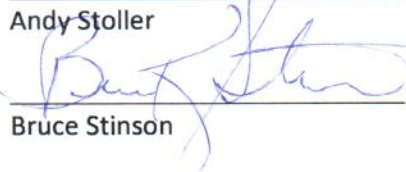
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