

WELLS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2022

Board members present:

Mike Mossburg
Leon Berning
Jon Oman
Andy Stoller - absent
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 Lewis.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting by Bruce. Motion was 2nd by Jon.
Motion carried 4-0.

Review of Claims and Account Reconciliation

Review of claims prepared by Trent and reviewed by Leon for the board. Claims including general obligation payments, in addition to two salary checks to Lewis Brown were approved, totaling \$10,912.44.

Account balance following these claims totaled \$64,779.54

Motion to approve the claims by Jon and 2nd by Bruce. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Report

We have 114 customers connected, but contractors are telling me the remainder are not calling to schedule. We have 82 remaining that need notices issued to schedule their connection.

The customer meeting for Kingsland & Tocsin went well last week.

There have been a few issues with the contractor. I will meet with Aaron in Celina to discuss.

Lewis reminded the board that he needs to be kept informed of what is going on. Any complaints or issues need to be funneled through him.

Bruce commented that we learned that better communication helps.

Lewis asked to have Mark prepare a secondary notice letter for phase 1 homes that have not connected. Lewis will update the contractor list following recent responses from contractors.

Leon asked Lewis if he had filed the liens yet. Lewis, not yet. Some will pay when they connect, but yes, I will.

Leon commented that the assistance fund balance is \$2,724.74, but only has enough available for one connection.

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Engineering Reports

VTF held their first progress meeting last month.

VTF will start Craigville in full next month.

Murray is said to be at final restoration. We have been notified that the deliver day of the Generators is January 2023.

For the Craigville project we have phone numbers, but we do not have emails to issue project updates for the residents.

During the discussion Nate recommended that the board proceed with the advertisement of Phase 3 to stay on schedule with the proposed closing with SRF.

After some board discussion, Jon made a motion to advertise Phase 3 for bid. Motion was seconded by Bruce. Motion carried 4-0.

Mark asked Ryan to provide a retainage summary for phase 1.

Nate mentioned that he asked Ryan to hold off on any work for phase 4. Nate mentioned that he probably doesn't have authority to do that but asked the board to act on the recommendation. After some discussion regarding the phase 3 and 4 schedules and budget the board agreed. The board agreed to have Choice One hold on any design work for phases 4 or beyond.

Attorney Comments

Working to schedule a bond hearing.

Mark presented the Disbursements requests for phase 1

#56– Pay application for VTF - \$241,888

Remaining funds in Phase 1 total \$700,211.

Disbursement request form was passed around for approval. Motion to approve by Bruce, 2nd by Leon. Motion carried 4-0

#57– reimbursement for Recorder expense- \$77.00

Disbursement request form was passed around for approval. Motion to approve by Jon, 2nd by Bruce. Motion carried 4-0

Mark presented the Disbursements requests for phase 2

#15– Pay application for Wessler - \$285.00

Disbursement request form was passed around for approval. Motion to approve by Bruce, 2nd by Jon. Motion carried 4-0

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Mark asked the board to consider their approach to connections beyond 300 ft. You may want to set a cap on what you pay for as this adds significant cost to the project to make these connections.

Leon – I want to show consistency.

With work starting in September, bills will go out October. Once we have construction interim bills can go out.

Nate commented that the Adams County board uses the 300-ft limit to allow the board to do more connections.

Board did not make a final decision on how to handle the connections over 300-ft.

Board Comments

Leon commented that the low-income assistance account has received \$5,600 in donations with a payout of \$2,875.26.

Public Comments

What is the ballpark for the cost to connect?

Lewis said we have seen this go up and what we hear from those telling us it ranges from \$2,200-\$3,000.

Right now the tickets for 811 is good for 20-days and there are delays in getting locates form some contractors making the connection.

Motion to adjourn – Bruce, motion 2nd by Leon. Meeting adjourned. 4-0

Next meeting will be a board meeting proposed for October 17, 2022, at the regular time.

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