

WELLS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2024

Board members present:

Bruce Stinson - President
Jon Oman – Vice President
John Shady - Member
Leon Berning - Treasurer
Andy Stoller - Secretary

Others:

Mark Burry, Attorney - Present
Ryan Lefeld, Choice One Engineering - Not Present
Lewis Brown, RSD Superintendent - Present

Call to order

- Bruce Stinson **called** the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer by Andrew Stoller. Quorum established.

Approval of Minutes

- **Moved** to approve August 2024 meeting minutes. Motion made by Andy with 2nd from Leon. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Claims and Account Reconciliation

Trent reviewed 21 claims prepared by Trent totaling \$24,798.43

Account Balance on August 12, 2024 was \$328,037.71

Account Balance on ~~September 9,~~ 2024 was \$371,616.47

August 31,

Moved to approve the claims by John and 2nd by Andy. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Questions

No public questions

Superintendent Report

- Motion to purchase drop box made by John. 2nd by Leon
 - Motion **passed** 5-0
- Motion made to purchase tires for the truck by Jon; 2nd by John
 - Motion **passed** 5-0

Engineering Report

- Discussed Tocsin project rankings by SRF
 - Project rejected for funding
 - Reasons given:

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- Median income too high; WCRSD board believes this to be an error by SRF; likely median income not significantly different from other project areas; will revisit after update 2020 census data is incorporated
- Too much unspent funds; WCRSD boards believes this assessment out of alignment with the structure of the project. Tocsin project leveraged unspent project funds while asking for supplemental funding to ensure efficient funding. Asking Baker&Tilly to review – board felt project structure eliminated this reason for rejection so it is unclear what SRF was looking at in arriving at this decision.
- Discussed strategy to make Tocsin project more competitive for SRF grant funding
- NE Indiana Regional Development Authority may be an additional source of funding for Tocsin
- Project #3 close out in process
- 811 map submitted for Project #3
- Choice One is assisting in checking with other RSDs to see what grinder pit float options are available

Attorney Comments

Project #3 - Kingsland

- SRF Disbursement Form #25
 - \$719 to Wessler Engineering for inspections and support services
- SRF Disbursement Form #26
 - \$2320 to Choice One Engineering for engineering services
- **Motion** to approve these two disbursement requests
 - Made by Leon, 2nd by Andy, motion passed 5-0

Board Comments

- AJ Springer's yard was repaired at his own expense
- VTF repaired the area, but not to his satisfaction

Moved to adjourn the monthly meeting by Andy and 2nd by John. Motion carried 5-0.

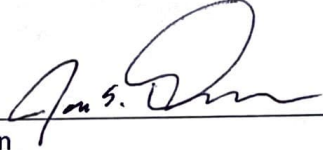
Next meeting will be on Tuesday October 15, 2024, at 6:30pm.

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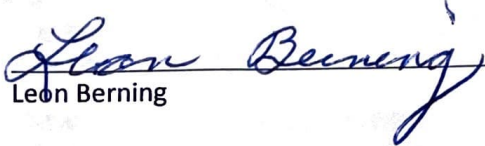
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