

ADAMS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2017

Board and Staff Members Present:

Nate Rumschlag
Barry Scherer
Richard Lambert
Jim Franz
Ben Adams, CEI
Mary Burry, Attorney

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes by Jim, seconded by Terry. Approved by board 4-0.

Payment of Claims

- Recording fees for easements, reimbursement to MBB \$336.00
- Mailing postage for invoices, reimbursement to MBB \$100.74
- Drainage assessments \$82.50

First Bank of Berne Balance \$15,781.80 as of 4/13/17

Motion by Jim, 2nd by Terry. 4-0 approved payment

RD Funds

- CEI - \$6,120 (Construction Engineering)
- CEI - \$28,673.12 (Inspection)

Motion by Terry, 2nd by Jim. 4-0 approved.

Barry S. arrived.

Mary Burry Presented

AEP electrical service upgrade. This ? was for electrical – Monmouth L.S. service upgrade – \$8,281.64 AEP

Motion to approve by Nate R, 2nd by Barry S. 5-0 approved.

Engineers Report

Ben reviewed project status and updates.
Presented the progress drawings

No testing complete under Contract B.
Significant construction done.

Ben recommended that we consider starting Monmouth work first.

Progress billing - \$56,740.93 – 72% Monmouth complete and RD reviewed.

Motion by Barry S., 2nd by Jim F. 5-0 Approved.

VTF Contract B - \$462,723.66 – 56% complete. Recommend payment and submitted to RD.

Motion by Barry S., 2nd by Terry. 5-0 Approved.

Ben Adams – No Change Orders to present.

Mary Burry – Return to discussion of Sewer Use Ordinance

Motion by Terry, 2nd by Jim. 5-0 Approved – by show of hands.

Board passed through the Sewer Use Ordinance.

City of Decatur – Making request for use of their direct deposit system.

R017 – Resolution to allow Phyllis Whitright and Wendy Gephart to make deposits.

Jim F. makes the motion, 2nd by Barry S. 5-0 approved.

Letter that a home owner is seeking to be left out of the billing since the building is not habitable.

- Board recommended that we send a copy of the rate ordinance. MBB's office to send letter to the home owner.

Mark presented RD

- Tap costs grant info is available at the front.

Mark Burry – reviewed the interim rate & permanent

- \$93.30 1 month (permanent)
- \$27.35 interim per month
- Bills, payments and balance – did not go out with the notices and project letters and statement corrections.

Terry Smith – Why the interim rates?

- The board would have had to increase the interim rates and to save interest & billing.

Mark presented the option to break out groups:

- Construction
- Connections
- Easements

- Other questions

Billing Questions:

Randy Jaurigue:

- Connection Fee?
- Mark reviewed the ordinance fees.
- Options that the Board has.

Adam Sealschott

- If we put on extension but don't connect, will I get a bill?
 - The line extension was fairly expensive (000 & 900 N)
 - Mark Burry – The Board needs to consider how to handle the extensions of this type.

Russ Wachle

- \$27.35 – when will this billing end?
 - This covers the expenses & payments bond.
- Requesting minutes of the Board.

Joe Cearns

- Why not online?
- Can we get information?
- Where to call with questions?
- Wants more communication
- Can call MBB Office

Kevin Franz

- Publish information
- Wants copies for the minutes.
 - Mark Burry
 - ? – Melissa regarding questions.
 - The Health Dept. is asking to not be responsible.
 - Getting information out.
 - Appointing a superintendent.

Randy Jaurigue

- Why is the rate so high?
 - Ben Adams
 - Loan
 - Treatment cost w/Decatur
 - Operation and replacement

Joe Cearns

- Why was Bobo removed?
 - Originally Bobo and Linn Grove

- Linn Grove
- Bobo was not left in due to costs and funding

Russ Wachle

- Why have we not asked the city match rates or provide services with this cost?
- Can we add bill to the city?

Bob Noll

- Why were we not notified?

Tim Hindenlang

- Treatment cost and flow should be less than \$8.00 per month
- The flow should be conservative

Randy Jaurigue

- Why can we not meter our flow?

Joe Cearns

- Have the City of Decatur
- Can the whole county pay?
 - Mark –
 - We are not allowed to charge sewer rates like that– it is not legal.

Bob Noll

- Why not everyone?

Tom

- Heard about a line by the river

Cindy Rice

- Why go down Salem Road?

Sue Douglas

- Who covers claims?
- If there is a flooded basement?

Don Lonsworth

- 4888 Washington Street
- The storm sewers don't work in the area.
- He wants sand bags

Melissa Henry

- Dave – inspector
- Do we have an update on the Amish?

Pleasant Mills

Break-up into Groups for discussion on topics, but before that

Motion by Barry to adjourn, 2nd by Jim. 5-0 Approved