

ACRSD Board
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2021

The following persons were present:

Shannon Smitley, Chairman
John Carroll, Board Member
Don Bergdall, Board Member
Jim Franz, Board Member
Steve Bailey, Board Member
Dick Lambert, Board Member
Barry Scherer, Superintendent
Mark Burry, Attorney
Brooke Hindenlang, Paralegal to Mark Burry

The following persons were absent:

Nate Rumschlag, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES MADE BY DICK LAMBERT AND SECONDED BY JOHN CARROLL. Approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Terry Ashley from Kirkland 4262 W 500 N – The District wants him to share a grinder, he said this isn't feasible it will cost him too much for him to connect based on location.
 - Ben Adams – we will look at it.
 - Additional discussion held.
- Terry Ashley also addresses Preble fireman's park. He believes this will be another issue and wants to know what will the amount of the bill be?
- Don and Sandy Myers – Ask about blacktop at their location on 700 south – they don't want it destroyed.
 - It will be repaired if it is to install the line, only if it is to connect from the home, then it is the homeowner's responsibility.
- Brandon Harrison – 7791 north 200 E - He mentions that because of city water for fire hydrants, his insurance increased but Barry Scherer responds that what he is referring to is a city issue. Brandon is also concerned with how two houses are running off of one grinder.
 - Barry Scherer responds that there will be an automatic alternator off of grinder – 1 off of one house/1 off another house. Barry explains further.
 - Brandon brings up fact that his mother is paying \$74.00 in town for water, trash, drainage. Why is sewer so much without the additional services?

- Barry explains that residents are not paying city taxes out in the county, but the \$93.30 is as cheap as we can get it.
- Kevin Nussbaum – wants to know if there is a guarantee on the \$93.30 rate.
 - Barry – no.
 - Kevin Nussbaum - He wants to connect.
- Low Seffernick asks about Mandy - why can't she connect?
 - Board members explain to Low that the area she is located in was previously closed out where Mr. Nussbaum is now being allowed in because he is in the area of the new project.
- Brandon Harrison – asks about why does he have to pay to hire someone to connect him when he doesn't want to connect.
 - Barry Scherer tries to explain about the need for the sewer projects in the county due to pollution.
 - Mark Burry also explains that the amount charged for the interim rate covers interest on the borrowed money, until project is done and people hook-up.
- Brandon Harrison also asks why do they have to pay if they weren't asked, the county made a decision to do this without their input...
 - Mark Burry - This is not a voluntary system – we wouldn't get much if it was voluntary, it was decided by the government. Got to fix the issues.
- Dan Girod - mentions that as houses and systems are added, is the city able to handle the capacity? Will it possibly be a problem in the future where it will discharge into the river?
 - Barry Scherer– The city has to meet state standards with IDEM, it is watched really close.
 - Don Bergdall also responds that he said that he heard that there is a variance being sought. Donny explains what he knows.
 - Mark Burry also explains that the county system is a closed system.
- Brandon Harrison – another question – what is the point of the meeting? It doesn't change anything no matter what people said.
 - Barry Scherer and Don Bergdall address this that this is the government.

- Don Bergdall mentions that with the improved sewer system, the quality of the river is coming up.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

MOTION TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATION MADE BY STEVE BAILEY AND SECONDED BY JOHN CARROLL. Approved 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL CLAIMS IN THE SUM OF \$5605.73 MADE BY JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY STEVE BAILEY. Approved 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS IN THE SUM OF 18,558.71 MADE BY JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY DICK LAMBERT. Approved 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE SRF CLAIMS IN THE SUM OF \$608,908.00 MADE BY JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY JOHN CARROLL. Approved 6-0.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Barry Scherer provides his report to the board:

- Becky's office has been getting calls about the interim rate.
- Barry Scherer and Larry Oberley have completed the internal controls requirement.
- 811 has advised Barry to start the first of April.
- Barry discusses the property owned by Harvest Land Co-op, he explains the layout and advises that he wasn't sure about the number of grinders, board discusses this matter and agrees that it sounds like 2 grinders are sufficient.
- Barry also requests that the board decide on the billing rates for the post office in Preble – it contains 2 apartments and the post office. Board decides it should be billed as a separate business (Government – 1 edu) plus 2 apartments (1 edu and .75 for 2nd apartment).
- Barry provides the board current treatment cost amounts.
- Regarding Project 2, all but 8 are hooked up.
- Barry reviews the minutes used by his cell phone, Sheriff said he is using too many minutes.
 - Larry brought his information regarding what he has used in the past through his other job.
 - Barry asks if they should go on their own instead of using the county phones/plan and add a phone for Brooke.
 - Board thinks that Barry and Larry should continue with County Plan. Maybe the county needs to review the plan.
- Barry also updates the Board in regards to his search for a 2nd vehicle. He has various quotes, depending on the size and where it is purchased from. Prices range from 28,300.00 to 35,563.00. If he opts for the government plan, it will take 3-4 months.
 - Board members discuss the options and advise Barry to get a half ton; Board members offer to help search for a viable option.

MOTION MADE BY JOHN CARROLL AND SECONDED BY STEVE BAILEY FOR BARRY SCHERER TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE UNDER 32K. Approved 6-0.

- Financing will be through FBOB.

PRESENTATION REGARDING PLANNED DUPLEX

- Josh Zimmerman presents to the Board his plan to build condos/duplexes out by Clems' Lake. Brett Miller working on site plan. Project will be in 3 stages starting on 800, area is zoned commercial.

- Ben Adams reports that he already told Fleming's to upsize the pipe on Bellmont Road, as he knew it was coming in advance.
 - Will need to look at the Decatur Treatment Agreement per Mark Burry and Ben Adams.

MOTION TO APPROVE INCLUSION IN PROJECT 3, SUBJECT TO CITY OF DECATUR'S APPROVAL/TREATMENT AGREEMENT MADE BY JOHN CARROLL AND SECONDED BY DON BERGDALL. Approved 6-0.

FUTURE PROJECTS/DISTRICT EXPANSION & ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ben Adams provides his report:

- Ben Adams has provided various maps regarding possible future projects based on information from the Health Department.
 - Project 4 – Nathan provided 6 areas that projects could occur in. Ben Adams feels good about 5 of those areas.
 - Figure 1 – North of Roe Acres, 83 homes potential
 - Figure 2 – West of Preble, Magley
 - Figure 3 – Least merit – Berne West (thinly populated – west of 218) probably not cost effective, several Amish properties are located here.
 - Figure 4 – Yost Woods, severe septic issues along 27,
 - Figure 5 – a really good area north of Prestress north of Winchester road, 60-70 homes.
 - Figure 6 – 224 around Clem's lake/224.
 - Mark Burry reminds the Board about litigation that is ongoing.
 - Steve Bailey would like a 10-year plan devised.
 - Comment made that the 5-year master plan has been done in 2 years.
 - Nathan Scherer also addresses the Board and brings up the fact that soil tests are failing.
 - Shannon Smitley thinks this board should take the direction.
 - Nathan Scherer also suggests that the Board, needs to speak to Monroe to see about expanding.
 - Mark Burry believes the District can work with an interlocal agreement.

MOTION BY JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY STEVE BAILEY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PER. Approved 6-0.

- Project mapping handed out by Ben Adams
 - Most activity has been in Barrington Woods. As soon as gravity is done in Barrington, Fleming will be going to Preble.
 - Regarding Linn Grove, gravity is under construction. Working along 700 South.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORT

Mark Burry updates the Board as follows:

- Interlocal agreement presented to County Commissioners, discussion held. Commissioners previously signed the Agreement, but a few corrections need to be made. Mark Burry will make the changes and present to the Commissioners again.

MOTION BY DON BERGDALL AND SECONDED BY JOHN CARROLL FOR MARK BURRY TO SPEAK TO COMMISSIONERS ABOUT THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. Approved 6-0.

- Mark presents Resolution 2021-2 authorizing Brooke Hindenlang to deal with SRF when filling out forms and discussing claims.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-2 MADE BY STEVE BAILEY AND SECOND BY JOHN CARROLL. Approved 6-0.

- Mark explains to the Board about the federal lawsuit/complaint filed by the Amish. Brooke will send copy to the Board.
 - Barry asks about shutting the electric bill down for the Amish that have not connected. Mark advises that they bill should be shut down until the Court case has been decided.

OTHER MATTERS PRESENTED

- Still need the backwater valve specs.
- Additional discussion regarding the purchase of a vehicle held.
- Barry Scherer asks the Boards opinion on purchasing shirts with the ACRSD logo for he and Larry. Board believes this is a valid request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

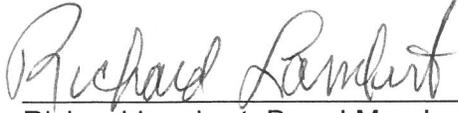
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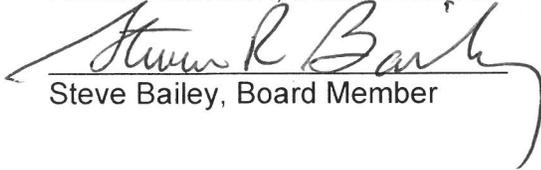
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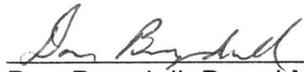


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