

ACRSD Board
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2021 The

following persons were present:

Shannon Smitley, Chairman
Nate Rumschlag, Secretary
John Carroll, 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:

Don Bergdall, Board Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES MADE BY AND SECONDED BY
Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS MADE BY JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY JOHN
CARROLL. Approved 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL CLAIMS MADE BY STEVE BAILEY AND
SECONDED BY JIM FRANZ. Approved 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE SRF CLAIMS MADE BY JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY
JOHN CARROLL. Approved 5-0.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ben Adams provides copies of progress maps to the Board and discusses as follows:

- Project 3-C: A lot done, stressed the importance of getting one area complete – 900 North. Grinders are all in. o Barrington woods primarily complete, lift station is delayed, equipment/pumps are coming slowly.
- Project 3-B: Preble is moving along, Fleming pulled out their gravity crew, 2 crews doing lateral bores (400/500/224)

- Project 3-A: most of collection is complete, forced main on 700 almost complete
Grinder Easements obtained:

Project 3-B: 75 out of 106

Project 3-C: 109 out of 110

Commonwealth is working towards a final list.

Change order requested by VTF for A due to rock – need rock borer. 2021

PER – submitted

- SRF acknowledged the receipt electronic and hard copy. Hoping to hear something in the next 30-60 days.
- ARP American recovery program, SRF will issue guidance end of today or next week. Ben thinks that regardless of stimulus funding, Adams County should be scored and ranked highly.

Questions by Board:

- Nate Rumschlag– Would we be able to have designs ready by closing?
 - Ben Adams - Assuming we could, sort of scrambling to make a 3/31 close.
- Nate Rumschlag - When would you need authorization from the Board regarding surveys?
 - Ben Adams– Things are moving fairly quickly, and he hasn't talked to MLS. Maybe he can have something next meeting. They really loaded up on the estimates, no way we can do future projects like projects we are doing now for what they were bid for due to material pricing increasing

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORT

Mark Burry provides his report:

- Update on 700 S:
 - Reviewing subject of widening project by the highway department. Appraisals have been done, survey work was getting done, offer letters have been sent out. Barry Scherer, Bill Wemhoff, Brad Yoder and Mark Burry went to South Adams board meeting. South Adams will sign the easement, but they have concerns about drainage. One offer has already been returned and signed.
- Ben Adams comments that the City of Berne is interested in working with the county for improvements.
- Mark Burry asks if there is any ballpark guess as to # of connections for Project 4.

- Ben Adams: 350-400, 4 areas that have viability, one that has less. Decatur has their own limitations with the collections system which will need further discussion. ○ Nate Scherer mentions that he discussed the trailer park on 27 N with the State.
- Jim Franz – Comments that regarding the 5th project area that might not be viable, if we don't have the money, the project is not doable. ○ Ben Adams doesn't want to say that as a definite. The area south on 27 is the project area in question.
- Mark Burry mentions that maybe we could approach the county for the ARP money, SRF has a 50/50 match program.
- Ben Adams agrees that this is a very advantageous time.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Barry Scherer provides his report to the Board:

- Josh Zimmerman was originally reporting to the Board today, he was having prints made; MLS had everything done, but he did not attend.
- Treatment costs – it did drop back down, 350 gallons less than last month ○ Although, according to the rain we just had, we spiked again.
- City of Decatur sent their camera out, found 3 weak areas. 1 is pretty bad, VTF already knows that they have one to fix; one might be a contractor issue, luckily that contractor only did two connections.
- Larry Oberley went out this week and last, out of 50 checks he did, 42 ran less than 5 min per day. ○ Next week he is going out to compare more
 - One was at 13, one was at 7. There are 6 that he wants to go out and check.
- Further discussion about how things work, leaking-in is the problem.
- Hoping the next board meeting that we will have project 2 closed out.
 - Ben Adams– final restoration being done on project 2.
- Discussion on Project 3 regarding the people more than 300 feet. Barry updates the Board as to what their cost is and that we are ready to start billing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Floor: has a question about why some people are not connecting out by Clem's Lake.

Mark Burry: Responds that to connect the homes she is questioning, the District would need an easement for the ROW. Their homes are more than 300 feet from the current mainline.

Cindy Foor – Asks why can't you make them.

Mark Burry responds that it will have to be done by the health department.

Nate Scherer also comments that to update a system or force hook-up is complaint driven, if they see a problem file a complaint.

Cindy Foor – has questions about shared grinders, specifically regarding the electricity.

Barry Scherer explains how the shared grinders operate and further points out that the electricity used is minimal put the information Larry provided earlier.

Cindy Foor - Cost of materials going up – is there any way to get help?

Mark Burry and Barry Scherer referred her to the USDA; information is on the ACRSD website.

Cindy Foor - Also asked about the \$20.00 rate, what will the future rate be?

Mark Burry and Barry Scherer respond – \$93.30.

- Barry mentions that he recently had a situation with the Girod property on 400 W and he thought the family was coming to discuss the issues. ○ Ben Adams explains, this issue is on the northern most connection for Project 3-B. A business is located on the same parcel as one residence. They only want to pay 1 bill, but the District already set precedent with Millers property on 101 – there is a business and a house on the same parcel.
 - John Carrol suggests they disconnect the building. (have no bathroom facility) ○ Agreed– this is one option. ○ Mark Burry discusses the ancillary part of ordinance.
 - The Board should make a motion to state that they either decommission or share the grinder and pay two bills.
 - Nate Scherer advises that currently, the system is not permitted per health department, currently an illegal bathroom.

MOTION TO NOT GRANT A VARIANCE TO THE RATE ORDINANCE REGARDING ANCILLARY BUILDINGS MADE BY STEVE BAILEY AND 2ND BY JIM FRANZ.

Approved 6-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY NATE RUMSCHLAG AND SECONDED BY JOHN CARROL. APPROVED 6-0.

Minutes approved by:

Shannon Smitley, Chairman



Nate Rumschlag, Secretary



Richard Lambert, Board Member



Steve Bailey, Board Member



John Carroll, Board Member



Don Bergdall, Board Member



Jim Franz, Board Member