

ACRSD Board
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2021

The following persons were present:

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

The following persons were absent:

Mark Burry, Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES MADE BY STEVE BAILEY AND SECONDED BY JOHN CARROLL. Approved 7-0.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

- Dale Biberich – Pleasant Dale Church, wants to connect. Barry passed out a Petition to Connect form and information to him.
- Barry Scherer addresses the Board that there are other interested groups and individuals. Board should select committee. Step 1 – give us the information, 2nd step is to evaluate.
 - New Projects committee needs meet again.
- Ben Adams comments about needing demographics from the church.
- Steve Bailey asks if it is a privately driven extension does it require the neighboring home owners to connect?
 - No, but per Jessica, any neighboring owner would need to connect if within 300 feet.
- Barry Scherer comments that we would still need an easement.
- Barry Scherer – wants to know the time frame for Pleasant Dale Church
 - Dale Biebrich: Wants to get it done because they have outgrown their facilities. They have been working on this for 5 years. They have an alternative but might be interested in connecting if this is a possibility.
 - Jim Franz asks what the estimated cost is, per Dale Biebrich – 270K.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS IN THE SUM OF \$107100.6 MADE BY JOHN CARROLL AND SECONDED BY JIM FRANZ. Approved 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATION MADE BY STEVE BAILEY AND SECONDED BY JIM FRANZ. Approved 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE SRF CLAIMS FOR PROJECT 3 – \$904,658.00 AND PROJECT 2 – \$39150.00 MADE BY JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY JOHN CARROLL. Approved 7-0.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Barry Scherer updates the board as follows:

- 900 North: Start-ups on Tuesday, one leak, one burn-up, only need seeding and continuity tests.
- Fleming plans to get Contract C done before leaving and going on to Preble, maybe a few weeks.
- Barry met with City of Decatur for treatment of Project 4, sounds like everyone is on board.
- Barry met with the Amish on Wednesday night regarding 700 S. connections. Overview of conversation, giving them 2 weeks to decide. Waiting to put the grinders in there. Board agrees, don't put it in. They will have to pay.
- Progress meeting next Thursday.
- BZA Meeting Thursday night re apartment complex.
- Audit scheduled, no time and date.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ben Adams updates the board as follows:

- Project A is primarily complete, entire collection system has been installed. Partnering with the highway to do some repaving. Moving forward. Still semi-significant amount of forced main to install on 700. There may be some options with the Amish, if they would give us some land we could put the grinder and power there.
- Jim Franz asks how long it will take if thing fall the right way, when could we open?
 - Ben Adams: November 12 is deadline but by end of summer it could be. Lots of testing.
- Project B - Least complete. Run closer to end before it is all said and done.
- Project C – 900 work is done, all pipe is in the ground, things to be set, lift station is not complete.
- Project 4 - Discusses engineering work proposals sent. Need to get started soon. Make a decision.

- Jim Franz asks about the Oakwood deal. Why is that scratched out?
 - Ben Adams: They have talked to Decatur, he didn't feel like it sounded as bad. According to Decatur, when it rains the system gets overloaded but work has been done and it has improved. Might be able to do some work on the system and then the District can take over. Decatur will not allow homes outside of the oakwood area in the District unless the District takes on the Oakwood area. The system can't handle it otherwise. Further discussion held on whether Oakwood would be in project 4 or project 5.
- Ben Adams: His proposal is only for the bidding.
 - Question by the Board: Are we deciding now to retain Ben?
 - Steve Bailey questions about how we will pay for it.
 - Barry Scherer responds that it will be by bond or loan from the County. Barry feels like we have a good shot at getting the loan.
 - Nate Rumschlag advises that he is in support of moving forward, but need an interlocal agreement with the County. He believes that the decision is contingent upon this.
 - Steve Bailey asks if the Board is willing to go ahead without funding.

MOTION MADE BY STEVE BAILEY AND SECONDED BY SHANNON SMITLEY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL WITH COMMONWEALTH TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ALL FIVE AREAS ON PROJECT 4, BUT WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE BOARD MAY STOP WORK IF THE BOARD CAN'T GET THE FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY. UNDERSTANDING BY COMMONWEALTH THAT THE FUNDING IS NOT IN PLACE YET, BUT WILL KEEP BEN ADAMS IN THE LOOP. Approved 7-0.

- Ben Adams mentions that he wants to schedule a public hearing to occur at the next meeting along with a couple of resolutions for SRF.

OTHER MATTERS PRESENTED

- Discussion held regarding the Connie Teeple property on 224:
 - Decision by the Board that a final letter needs sent to her.
 - Don Bergdall suggests setting a T in and put a curbstomp in.
- Steve Bailey presents his budget information on a spreadsheet.
 - Nate Rumschlag wonders if we need a legal sinking fund. Steve Bailey said that because it is governmental it is on a cash basis. He isn't sure but we could probably do that.
 - Ben Adams thinks he can apply for reimbursement from SRF for the legal.
 - Steve Bailey thinks we might need to re-evaluate the administrative position.
 - Steve Bailey points out that he is not concerned about the red numbers
 - Barry Scherer and Steve Bailey will be discussing with Becky about setting money back for maintenance of the Bobo project.
- Agreement for Exchange of Services presented.

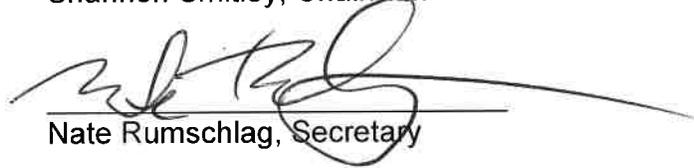
MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF SERVICES BY STEVE BAILEY AND SECOND BY JIM FRANZ. Approved 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

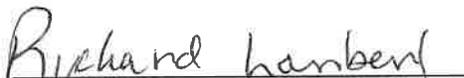
MOTION TO ADJOURN BY JIM FRANZ AND SECONDED BY DON BERGALL. APPROVED 6-0.

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