

ADAMS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 8, 2019

Board and staff members present:

Don Bergdall  
Steve Bailey  
Nate Rumschlag  
Richard Lambert  
Jim Franz  
John Carroll

**Opening of meeting**

**Approval of minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon approve the minutes from the February meeting subject to the corrected spelling of the name Jaurigue. Approved 6-0

**Payment of Claims:**

Barry review of claims totaling \$10,916.41. Itemized list presented to board and included in record

Motion to pay claims as presented by Nate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon. Approved 6-0

**Superintendent's Report**

Barry presented Becky Cochran's report. Ampstun was having some software issues recently.

Some customers have still been mailing their bills to Decatur.

The Piqua meter measured 349,000 gallons last month. Still higher than the other lift stations. Barry is working with Rorick about installing a system to monitor individual grinder stations.

Barry believes the Mercer meter is running high.

Barry mentioned in regional news Ohio has passed a law on water quality that allows Toledo to sewer farmers. This came up at the Auburn meeting of the Southwest Lake Erie Basin watershed.

Melvin Christner property sold. Working with building department to get the property connected.

Woodworth property sold at tax sale. Contractor is coming to connect it.

Barry explained that during the recent straight-line winds we lost one of the phases of the 3-phase power to one of the lift stations. Barry worked with the City to get bypass work done to avoid overflowing the system and nearly flooding one of the basements in the service area. Barry had to overnight replacement equipment to get the repair.

There was a \$1,800 in extra expense due to damages. Insurance has a \$1,000 deductible.

Barry presented that on 2-20-19, Don, Jon, Barry and Shannon met to review the project plans and goal for the next phases. The group recommended that they add the homes along the transmission lines for in the request for funds. This added the following connections the project areas:

- Lynn Grove – 20 homes
- Peterson – 36 homes
- Monmouth – 2 homes
- Bobo – 9 homes

All of the connections are within 300-ft of the transmission line. Baker Tilly is working on the updates to the rate analysis.

Barry and the working group prioritized 3 large project areas.

- Preble/Peterson was the first priority
- Lynn Grove 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Monmouth Extension 3<sup>rd</sup>

Board asked if due to contamination we should not look at Lynn Grove and Bobo.

Group is looking at over 350 services over the 7 areas.

## **Attorney Comments**

Credit card policy presented to the board. Copy was attached as Resolution 2019-1.

Don motioned to approve resolution 2019-1. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim. Board passed the motion 6-0.

Mark presented the 2019 employment agreement.

Mark explained that the county passed a 3% salary increase across the board and the RSD had not done a similar raise for Barry. Mark recommended that the board approve the resolution to retroactively increase his salary for 2019 to match the rest of the county.

After board discussion and general praise for the work Barry has been doing, Jim motioned to approve the 2019 employment agreement. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve. Board approved the agreement 6-0.

Mark presented draft connection policy and sewer extension outside the “project” area. Board then discussed the various project sizes and scopes.

Ben Adams asked for an opportunity to review and add recommendations to the working groups plan.

### **Bank Reconciliations**

Motion by Jim to approve the reconciliation from January. Motion was seconded by Jon. Motion was approved by the board 6-0.

### **Board Comments:**

Barry and Ethan are going to GIS the Harry Meyer lines.

Brooke and Mark are getting easements over the lines and grinder stations.

Steve commented on the financial statements. Year to date interest is in 6-month and that is working against us. Not actually a negative at this point but it shows a false negative in the balance. June 30<sup>th</sup> will give us a better representation.

### **Public Comments:**

Lou asked for copies of the changes to the PER be made available to him. Lou initially asked for copies. Barry responded that they are available for inspection at his office, but the plans available during the meeting were the only copies at the time. Ben Adams commented that when the formal revision is made the PER will be published as the original copies were.

Lou commented that the county sewer ordinance and the language for mandatory sewer connections for 300-ft from property line or residence. Asked again about mandating connections of these homes.

Motion to adjourn by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve. Meeting adjourned. 6-0