

ADAMS COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2019

Board and staff members present:

Steve Bailey
Jim Franz
Nate Rumschlag
Richard Lambert
John Carroll

Superintendent, Barry Scherer
Attorney, Mark Burry
Brooke Hindenlang

Opening of meeting

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by John, 2nd by Jim approve the minutes from the May meeting. Approved 5-0

Payment of Claims:

Claims were presented totaling \$14,813.13. Itemized list presented to board and included in record.

Steve reviewed the liability insurance coverage with Cincinnati for \$2,415.00

Motion to pay claims as presented by Steve, 2nd by John. Approved 5-0

Superintendent's Report

Reviewed the recent conference calls for the financial committee.

Estimates include a larger cost per house than previous project in the planning phase.

Assumed that SRF would include these larger numbers in the rates and funding request. This should enhance our planning and chance for funding. Expect to hear the score results back in July.

Mark encouraged that the board is well set going into this project.

Meeting for the unit rates committee to discuss the ESFU (Equivalent single-family unit) for multiple rates. Richard will work with Barry on the committee.

Barry delivered the easement for Harry Meyer's sewer line. Should be completed.

Barry has not completed the 8111 sign ups. We are waiting for info from the city to help budget and plan.

We are not on the hook, but some methods need included.

The new project will include locate signs and delineators. Barry currently drives the system daily to verify any digging in the area of our system. Barry is looking for more information on this currently.

Board discussed the locations and needs for air release valves.

Barry found another inflow and sump pump connected to the system and is working to remove it.

Barry is working on the erosion on the lift station. The erosion is pretty bad now. Barry is getting costs and should be ready to fix this month.

Barry is getting calls on new homes in the area of our system. Listed 4 homes that are looking to add to the system.

The Kent Rumschlag home has been purchased in a sheriff's sale. All the leans are being covered and the house is being tapped into the system.

Barry asked the board if additional fees from Becky could be added to the late and lean fees? The additional labor for fees may be added and the ordinance would need to be changed. Barry to talk to Becky for costs.

We should expect to see about \$6,000 for the spring tax bills from the non-payments in the tax liens.

Change the bank account to Berne to help Becky. USDA draws have been moved to the new bank.

Mark Barry commented that the Cincinnati insurance covers the commercial property, cyber security, liability for the year. Steve recommended that the agent come and present the policy to the board. Jim reviewed the cost of the insurance premium coverage.

Discussion by the board regarding the need for a part-time inspector and construction inspector depending on the project costs.

Steve reviewed the financials year to date and need to look at the sewage treatment costs and may see flow increase from a 113 gal/day for the first 6 months and now have come up to an average of 129 gal/day/home. Barry has recently discovered a double sump pump connected to the system.

The Salway violation is being somewhat addressed. Barry is dealing with the situation. The Commissioners are looking to address a spring drain that is flowing from a sand vein to the drain to pull water away.

Total of 428 homes are in the PER area with 230 homes currently connected.

Steve called the work here a big effort to improve the health in the county.

Barry asked about the Berne Treatment rates and is looking forward at what can be done for the Linn Grove service area.

Attorney

No comments.

Board Comments:

No further board comments

Public Comments:

Lou Seffernick reviewed the PER as presented and connections he felt were needed and the adjacent homes added to the project. Ben responded that residents have not been connected to the system. Lou mentioned the connections and asked the board what limits would the board do or not do to make a connection. Would the board send a sewer 0.4 miles for 2 homes?

Lou said the lengths of sections of the system don't make sense.

Barry, mentioned that the change in pumps save some of the up front costs and the maintenance costs challenged by Lou.

Lou, challenged the board to have some standards.

Nate responded that some of the design criteria that Lou wants black and white are not set that way. When comparing these locations, the board looks at the cost and payback and at this point the plan is still the preliminary engineering plan. Mark commented that he felt that maybe the issue is more to do with the scope of the overall project then specific locations.

Barry commented that the committee is looking at these areas and is reviewing potential connections and distance of parts of the system.

Motion to adjourn by Jim, 2nd by John. Meeting adjourned. 5-0